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All Aboard The Santa Train

'Tis the season when many of us received our first train set. Santa, with perhaps some help from our parents, delivered our train. Today, in several South-central Indiana communities, it's the train that delivers Santa. The Indiana Railroad (INRD) provides the train for Santa's ride in our area, stopping at many of the smaller communities along the railroad. The INRD lists the Santa Train schedule on its website at: <http://www.inrd.com/>. Yesterday, the train visited nearby Solsberry, IN. The train consist included engine INRD 2543, several coaches and a generator car from Mid-America Railcar leasing and one of the Santa Fe coaches from INRD. Although the train has completed its run for this year, this might be something you would want to remember for next year.



Santa greets children after Santa Train arrived in Solsberry.

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Carmel Library Show Great Success

The CID showcased the hobby to 725 folks, mostly youngsters, many of whom look forward to this show each year. The level of displays was high, and the exhibitors had a great time. All the popular scales were represented and the kids were able to see switching operations on the Naptown & White River HO modules and an N scale layout being constructed in addition to the usual trains running in circles. We had a very happy group of circus modelers in the story time room with some brilliant displays.

Trevor Jones

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Frank Hughes MMR #29, adding scenery to Tom's layout.



Pictured above is Frank Hughes, MMR 29. Former CID Supt., Midwest Region President and did just about everything anyone could do for the NMRA. Frank was once the Executive Vice President for the NMRA which is the HIGHEST position anyone has reached as a CID Member.

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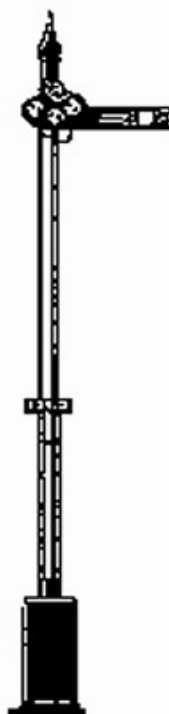
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Tom's Train Signals



This is my last Train Signals column as your CID Superintendent. Actually when you receive this Rusty Spike, I'll be your "Past Superintendent" and Steve Studley will be our new CID Super. He will do a great job and I'm thrilled to have him follow me. I often relied on him for consultation on CID business and felt confident in whatever we worked out. This has been a busy four years and I really do feel that the membership has accomplished a lot in those years. We have several strong Train Shows through the year. Some are even free to members. Our finances are strong and we have been able to spend money to promote the hobby without any worries. We are able to publish and mail our newsletter five times a year to CID members. We did not succeed in our bid to host the National NMRA Convention, but we did bring a good deal of positive attention about the CID and Indianapolis to our peers at the National level. We have had several successful Layout Tours including one in May.

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Jeff Carter shows his track laying method to tour participants

A layout tour included a visit to a G scale layout—Above photo

Bloomington Group and Model Railroading Get Television Attention

I was just sitting at home one evening when the phone rang. The gentleman on the other end was from Indiana University's public television station WFIU. He had gotten my name from the local library at which I am listed as the contact person for the Hoosier Lines Model Railroad Club. I was asked if I knew of anyone who would be willing to have their layout taped and talk about model railroading for their program called "The Weekly Special" which airs on Thursday each week at 7 o'clock in the evening (replays Friday's at 6 p.m.). The Weekly Special is an eclectic local magazine program that looks at issues, events, people and things of interest in their broadcast area. I gave him some possible contacts and he thanked me.

Two days later I was contacted by Susanne Schwibs who is a contributing producer for the television program. After finding out that they only had a week to put the program segment together, it was decided that my layout would be the best choice for taping and I was to be interviewed. Plans were made for taping the following Tuesday and I went to work on straightening up the layout and making sure that I had trains that would run.

On Tuesday Susanne arrived with a camera operator and an intern. It is always fun to see the reaction of people who are not familiar with what model railroaders have set up in their houses. Jaws drop and the wows and wonders begin as most have no idea how large and detailed our layouts can be. They set up for the interview and we spent about forty five minutes of answering questions about my layout and model railroading in general. I have to say it was quite the experience. After completion of the interview portion the camera operator positioned himself in various locations around the layout and I ran some trains so that he could capture the railroad in operation. The group spent another hour and a half filming and talking and just observing the railroad. They really just could not get enough.

We had been discussing how the group of guys I

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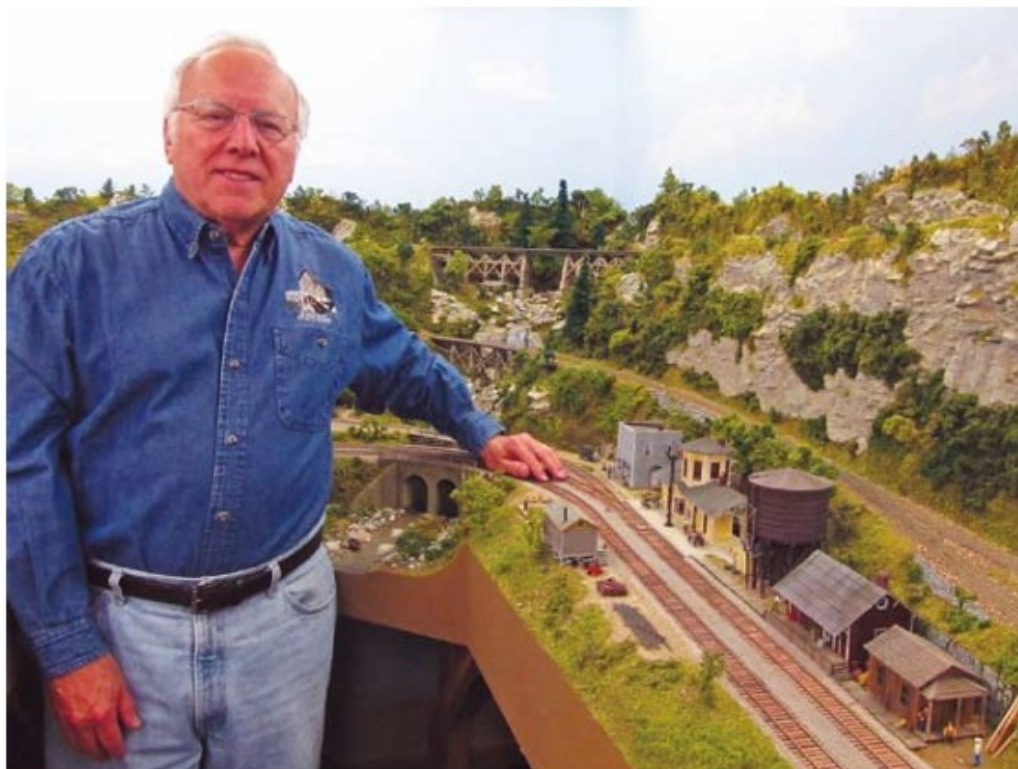
get together with meet on a weekly basis at each other's houses to work on their railroads. Since we were meeting the following night, I was asked if they might come to the meeting and do some more taping. The following evening they stayed for nearly two hours in which they taped our working on the layout and even tried to get a small camera to ride around on a bulkhead flat car. Unfortunately they didn't have much luck with that idea though they had a lot of fun trying.

"The Great Train Episode" aired on June 17, 2010 and along with our segment it included segments on The Indiana Transportation Museum, Rosedale Strawberry Festival and Train Show, The Orphan Trains, and McKnight's Raiders at the French Lick Scenic Railway. The guys in the group were very impressed with the editing of our segment and information that they provided their viewers. You can watch our part of the program on the web at <http://indianapublicmedia.org/theweeklyspspecial/board-railroads-big-smll/>. This was a great opportunity to promote our hobby, the Central Indiana Division, and the NMRA.

Keith Clark

2010 Ron Lane Become MMR #447

MMR EARNED



RON LANE EARNS MMR #447

I was introduced to trains at a very early age, while living near the Erie Railroad in Wellsville, New York, in the late 1930s. An entry in my mother's diary when I was two years old states: "After his nap, we went up to see the train come and leave." And, the Christmas after I turned three, an entry reads, "Claude (my father) put Ronald's train tracks onto a board..." Although I do not remember these two, and several other, duly recorded events, these early childhood experiences must have started me on the path of a lifelong passion for trains and model railroading.

As a teenager, I enjoyed my American Flyer "Royal Blue" train set, with cardboard buildings and green grass colored on scrap plywood. This was dismantled when I entered Cornell in 1954 to pursue engineering. To satisfy some required Arts credits, I selected a course in American Folklore. Much of each class was spent singing folk-music, including many railroad folksongs. Instructor Peter Yarrow led us, just before he formed the folk trio, Peter, Paul, and Mary! This kindled my interest in both folk and bluegrass music.

After graduation, marriage, and a move to Alliance, Ohio, I spent several years researching railroad folkmusic, including many Chesapeake & Ohio wreck songs. Also, in early 1961 I bought a booklet, "Complete Guidebook to Model Railroading" by David Sutton. That did it! Orders to AHM and E&H Hobbies, visits to Blums in Cleveland, and subscriptions to *MR* and *RMC* got me started, and on May 27, 1961, I sent in \$3.00 dues to join the NMRA. The NMRA headquarters was in Canton, Ohio, and manager Bob Bast was in our local Division of the Mid-Central Region. Also, the Achievement Program was adopted at the 1961 NMRA convention in Cleveland.

Our Division held monthly model contests, and awarded a plaque to the person earning the most points in a calendar year. This, and the emerging love of scratch-building, led me to enter Divisional and Regional contests. After winning several awards, Bob Bast encouraged me to consider the brand new Achievement Program, and I received my first certificate, Master Builder—Structures in August 1962, followed by Master Builder—Cars in June 1964. I was "on my way."

My wife, Peggy, and I, and three very young daughters moved to Ann Arbor in August 1964, where I earned an MSME degree from the University of Michigan, then joined Cummins Engine Company in Columbus, Indiana, in January 1966. Resuming my folkmusic research, I focused on the C&O through the New River Gorge in West Virginia, and made the decision to model this area in HO scale. I became a charter member of the C&O Historical Society in 1969, and wrote a series of 22 articles for our newsletter on *Folksongs of the C&O*. Meanwhile, we purchased our first (and only) home in 1968, and I completed handlaying a dogbone loop of track in 1973.

By that time, one particular C&O folksong, "The Wreck on the C&O", had been recorded by Joan Baez, Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs, and several other contemporary folk and bluegrass artists. A specific reference in one variant of the song led me to discover the narrow gauge Mann's Creek Railway, which ran from the C&O at Sewell in the New River Gorge nine miles "up the mountain" to coal mines at Clifftop from 1886 to 1955. With beehive coke ovens at Sewell, and a large logging/lumber operation on the mountain, I had found my prototype railroad to model! There followed 20 years of research, with 25 on-site visits to Mann's Creek territory, 216 personal interviews, and collecting over 1,000 photographs as a combined effort with fellow modeler Ted Schnepf — a long period where little modeling was done.

Following my retirement from Cummins at the end of 1995, we agreed to finally write a book based on our years of research, and *West Virginia Narrow Gauge—Mann's Creek Railway* was published in 1999. This book, along with several articles, allowed me to receive my third AP certificate, Model Railroad Author, in 2001. It was now time to concentrate on my model

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railroad, which had “barely advanced” in those 26 years between 1973 and 1999.

Keeping in mind the various AP requirements, I completed my trackwork, wired the layout, and have scenicked most of it. Several of the structures built in the early 1960s for contests are on the layout, including a coal mine complex that won first place-displays at the 1966 Cincinnati National Convention. Since “finding” the Mann’s Creek Railway, my goal has been to closely replicate various prototype structures and scenes from pictures in our book. After earning the Electrical certificate in 2007, I set my sights on the Civil and Scenery certificates, receiving these in 2009.

I then set myself yet another goal — to achieve MMR status during the tenure of my friend and fellow C&O Historical Society member Mike Brestel as President of the NMRA, and if possible, achieve this in NMRA’s 75th year. In our research, we had acquired a specific Mann’s Creek Railway prototype photograph that I felt perfect for the seventh certificate, Prototype Models. This modeling was finally completed to my satisfaction, and successfully judged in June 2010.

I wish to especially recognize and thank two of my “cheerleaders” — Larry Smith, MMR 185 and Ron Morse, MMR 159, for their encouragement and advice in completing the requirements for Master Model Railroader. Valuable advice, techniques, and progress were shared over the past several years with Tom Maule, who is also modeling the Mann’s Creek Railway in fine detail. And, I was certainly honored to have Francis Hughes, MMR 29, as one of the four judges for the seventh certificate.

I may have earned the dubious distinction of having the longest elapsed time between my first AP certificate and MMR, 48 years, just one year short of the 49-year history of the Achievement Program! An evocative railroad-theme poster with the words “Life is a journey, not a destination” has been taped on my layout room door for many years, and this is certainly true for my “life” long love of trains and model railroad-ing — and, my quest for MMR.

Ron has earned the following certificates: Master Builder—Structures, Master Builder—Cars, Model Railroad Author, Model Railroad Engineer—Electrical, Model Railroad Engineer—Civil, Master Builder—Scenery, and Master Builder—Prototype Models. 🏆

Carmel Library Show Thrills Again



Trevor Jones talks about his Transylvania Railroad with some of the 680 plus visitors to this year's show. (Photograph by Keith Clark)

Annual CID Auction

Gentlemen and Ladies too,

The Noblesville CID Train show is the event where we have our annual auction. This is an opportunity to find some very special one of a kind deals. So put this train show on your schedule, it is Sunday, January 30th. And it is also your opportunity for you model railroaders and collectors of Railroadiana to make a contribution to your CID organization. I'm always pleasantly surprised with the kind of stuff that shows up for the Auction so all I can say is "Keep it Coming."

***Tom Cain
Past Superintendent
and Noblesville Train Show Manager***

What Was Fun At Noblesville?

EVERYTHING!



All photos by Rich Seymour

Noblesville Meet Wrap-up

I hope that you were one of the 385 paying guests at our Noblesville Train Show. We had great weather this year and if you remember, it was just two days later that we had that big ice and snow storm. Talk about dodging a bullet! Anyway we had 109 dealer tables and ten portable layouts on display. There was plenty for everyone to see and buy. I know that I came home with four new cars for my layout. We had two excellent clinic presentations as well. Our auction was a little less than it has been in some years, but some folks went home with some nice deals. Thank you to everyone who brought something for the auction. We have another train show coming up on April 9th at a new location in Martinsville so we hope to see you then.

Tom Cain
Past Superintendent CID



CID Assistant Superintendent Al Kohut helps keep track of the bidding while our auctioneer, Jerry Bryant, runs the bidding on a couple of locomotives during the annual auction at the Noblesville meet.



(Photo by Rich Seymour)

AP judges Tom Fitzsimmons (left) and Steve Studley (right) discuss with Ryan Seymour how he could improve his grain elevator. Ryan had it judged in the Structures category of the NMRA Achievement Program at the Noblesville meet.

First Martinsville Show A Hit!

Large Attendance Greet New Location

Our first show to be held at the Martinsville armory was a success. With 287 paid plus children attendance was well over 300. The location, just off SR37 was easily accessible and very visible for the locals. Helped by the armory having "Model Railroad Show" on their sign for the previous two weeks we saw many new faces and families looking for something to do on a rainy day. We had 15 dealers who all seemed happy with their sales, while 11 layouts and 2 historical societies were a great showcase for our hobby. Jimmy on the dining car served 145 lunches and there was good fellowship and smiles all around.

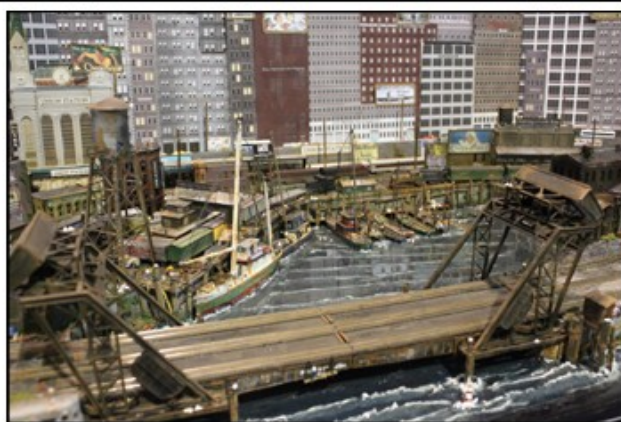
We had a comfortable briefing room for our annual meeting which was attended by 17 members to hear the annual State Of The CID Report from superintendent Steve Studley and treasurer Tom Fitzsimmons. Of particular interest was our progress toward 501C3 charitable institution status. Train master election results were announced. The two clinics were very well attended and focused on the NMRA Achievement Program. Ron Lane, who became MMR#447 last year, gave a very informative and visually fascinating presentation covering his more than 40 year progress through the AP, and featuring his well known historical research of the Manns Creek narrow gauge railway in West Virginia. He was followed by Steve Studley who gave a fine overview of the Achievement



"Kids" (both small and large) were fascinated by the eleven train layouts on display.



(Photos by Keith Clark)



Bob Parsons beautiful module was part of the CINTRAC N Scale group modular layout on display and operating at the Martinsville meet. (Photo by Keith Clark)

Program and went into some detail about judging criteria and resources within the NMRA to help those of us who are moving through the program. Structures by Bob Case and myself and a work car by Newman Atkinson received AP judging at the meet.

Thanks to all who helped make this meet run so smoothly, especially Dan Goins, Jim Wilhite and John Pancini for help with planning and promotion.

Trevor Jones

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CIRROPS OPS Educational Program

In place of a fall layout tour, CIRROPS and the CID will be offering a one day educational program on October 22, 2011 for beginners to model railroad operations. This program will be open to anyone who desires to learn how to prototypically operate a model railroad.

You will find two articles on operation in this issue of the *Rusty Spike*. The purpose of these articles is to begin to explain the theories and types of prototypical operations found on model railroads.

Al Kohut's article is an overview of model railroad operations and includes some personal experiences. Chuck Tuttle's article provides a quick look at several of the train control methods. Give these articles a read. If they provide you with a desire to learn a bit more, consider attending the CIRROPS Educational Program. There will be more information in a future issue of the *Rusty Spike*.



Summer Event

It's A Picnic!



Who: All CID members and their Families

Where: Johnson County Park, Edinburgh, Indiana
Beech Shelter (across from the Indiana Live Steamers)

When: August 28, 2011

Time: Starting at 11am

Come and enjoy the company of other CID members and ride the rails of the Indiana Live Steamers.

Location

The Johnson County Park is located adjacent to Camp Atterbury near Edinburgh, Indiana. Driving directions are below.



Picnic Information

Bring your own food, drinks and table service. There is only one small grill at the shelter so if you have thoughts of grilling hot dogs, hamburgers, etc., it is suggested that you bring your own grill with you.

Train Rides

The CID Board has made arrangements with the Indiana Live Steamers to provide you with **FREE train rides** on their 7½" gauge railroad starting at 1:00pm.

CID Board Meeting

The CID Board meeting will start at 1:30pm and CID members are welcome to attend.

Free Train Rides



Indiana Live Steamers information and map at www.indianalivesteamers.org

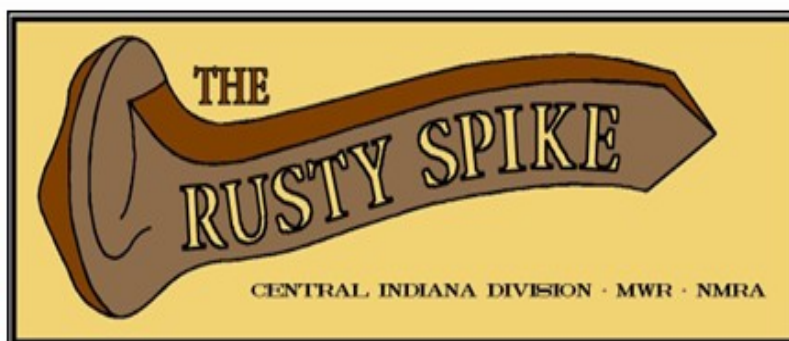
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NMRA Online Archives open for business!



Taken from photo and art collections donated to the NMRA, the Online Archives already features over 10,000 images of locomotives, structures, cabooses, depots, and much more. Images include color and black & white photos, drawings, erection elevations, paint schemes, plans, and logos. NMRA members can download high-quality scans of any of the images for just \$2 each. Non-NMRA members can download scans for \$4 each. And browsing's free! Just click on the "NMRA Online Archives" link on NMRA homepage at <http://www.nmra.org/>.

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CID Modelers Meet

We want to try something new for our CID members. How about a meet where we just get together and share with each other what we are learning about model train modeling and operation? This will be a meet for people who are more experienced modelers but still know that they can learn from others. We will have a couple clinics regarding model railroading, but we would really like to have some participation from you as well. This means bringing some of your modeling projects to the meet to share with others. This should include some of your projects even if they are in the half done state. Sometimes we can learn more when we see how something is being put together better than from a finished model. This will be somewhat on the order of Railroad Prototype Modelers meets. This meet is not open to the general public, but just to NMRA members so that we can focus more on the experienced model railroader rather than the general public and persons or families who are just curious about trains.

A meet like this will be the most successful if people come who are willing to share with others regarding their own modeling projects. Here is an example. I model the 1995 era of model railroading. Locomotives in 1995 require operating ditch lights. Some models come with operating ditch lights and some provide a non operational ditch light but most model locomotives come with no ditch lights at all. Adding a ditch light means creating an operational fixture with a bulb or led and then wires need to be run from the front of the locomotive into the shell and around the frame to reach the decoder. I just figured out how to do this on an Athearn GP 60 locomotive and I'm so pleased with the result, I would be happy to share my solution with others. Can you think of any other modeling tasks that you struggled with and then found a solution? If you did, we would love to hear about it. We aren't asking you to do a clinic, just bring your model or project and let us see what you accomplished.

We are going to meet at the Cross and Crown Lutheran Church located at 5233 East 79th Street in Indianapolis. This is at the southeastern corner of Allisonville Road, just south of the intersection of Allisonville Road and Interstate 465 near Castleton. We will have tables set up for you to display your models to others and we will have a separate clinic room. There will be no dealers or items for sale. This meet will be from 10:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, October 8th. We will not have any food available but will have maps indicating local fast food and other restaurants.

Tom Cain

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Lee Johnson Passes Away

Ivory Lee Johnson Sr., 70, Kokomo, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, at his residence. He was born on June 26, 1941, the son of Charles Johnson and Maggie Mathis Johnson of Orlando, Fla.



Lee was diagnosed with Cancer earlier this year and participated in chemo and radiation therapies in the last few months. He was one of our new CID Board members and was just beginning to learn about the workings of our Board. He was a manager for Orkin Exterminating Co., retiring in 2008 after 44 years of service. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was a 1959 graduate of Central High School in Louisville, Ky. He was a member of the Midwestern Model Railroad Club, Kokomo; and Trainmaster with the Central Indiana Division of National Model Railroad Association.

His parents and one sister, Vivian Riddlespriger, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Willornita Johnson; daughter, Dr. Leah Sledge (Elder Patrick), Masaua, Japan; son, Ivory Lee Johnson Jr. (Lutonia), Detroit, Mich.; sister, Charlie Mae Cartwright (William), Decatur, Ga., and six grandchildren.

Anyone who ever visited his Model Railroaders dream layout would have seen all the awards and recognitions that he had received from his employer.

He will be missed.



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Summer Picnic Fun



Summer CID Picnic event provided good times and conversation.

Photo by Keith Clark



Dan Goins has a clear track as his passengers enjoy the ride.

Photo by Keith Clark

The CID Board of Directors held their Executive Board meeting at the Indiana Live Steamers facility in Johnson County Park on Sunday, August 28. The Board decided to rent a shelter house so all CID members could attend, have a picnic lunch, and ride the trains on the Live Steamers railroad. The weather cooperated which allowed us to have a productive meeting and to get in a couple of train rides.

Steve Studley, Superintendent



Everyone took advantage of the free train rides provided by the Indiana Live Steamers.

Photo by Rich Seymour

First Modelers Meet Goes Well

Our first Modelers Meet on October 8th went well. Attendance was light but everyone who was there engaged each other to learn and see what each other brought along. John Munson brought two gorgeous structure models that he had done some kitbashing and scratchbuilding for his layout. He also had some Virginia RR gondolas kitbashed from Athearn beginnings to correctly represent what the Virginia RR used. Doug Howard brought some models and he also had his 2' by 4' module that he has converted to Hawaiian narrow gauge railroading complete with palm trees. Dick McPherson of Muncie brought some of his detailed Great Northern Brass Locomotives that he has painted. Some of you may know that Dick has professionally painted for others in the past. He also had some older Globe and other older kits that he has significantly upgraded to current model standards. I had some locomotives with me and showed how I've been adding working ditchlights to my Athearn Santa Fe GP60 RTR locomotives.

Steve Johnson did an excellent clinic on JMRI/CATS computer operation and signalling for your railroad layout. No doubt about it, computers and their role with real trains and model trains is here to stay. You can see the Power Point presentation that he did at: http://www.icgrr.com/CATS_Clinic_MWR07_files/frame.htm.

Steve Studley's clinic on using your cell phones and computer interface was excellent, and I have some new ideas on how I can use my new smart phone with our hobby, and we learned how you can railfan and plan your model railroad layout

from your computer. Just don't let your computer time use model railroad time. That's all for now, I'm going back to my layout!

Tom Cain, Past Superintendent

Noblesville Train Show and Auction

Remember to put our Train Show on your calendar for the end of January. This will be a busy December and January with the Great Train Expo and Worlds Greatest Hobby, but we also have our Train Show scheduled for January 29th. One of the main drawing points to the Train Show is our Annual Auction. If you have any trains, or train related items that you no longer need, please bring them and donate them to the CID. And, please come to see if someone has brought the one item that you need to get started on or finish one of your train projects.

Tom Cain, Past Superintendent

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Carmel Library Show Again Draws Big Crowd



Trevor Jones operates his Transylvania Railroad as kids look on. (Photo: Keith Clark)

This years Carmel Library Show drew approximately 750 people to see 8 operating layouts and the circus modelers exhibits. This is more than we had at the show last years and shows an importance for continuing to produce this event. The CID's purpose for having the show is to celebrate National Model Railroad Month and try to educate people, particularly youngsters about the benefits of the hobby of Model Railroading.

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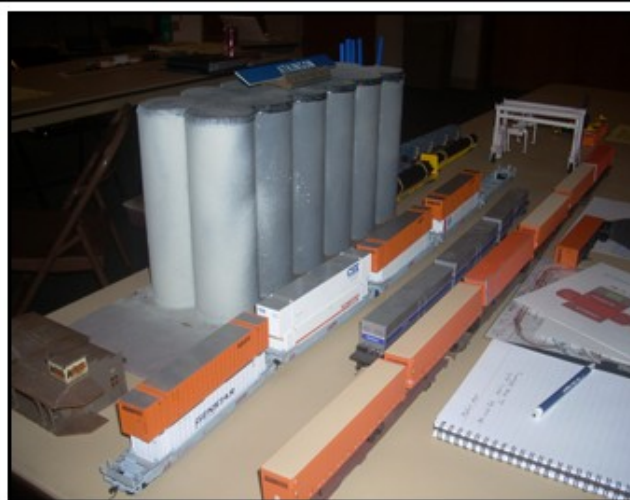
Steve Studley presents a clinic at the Modelers Meet
(Photo by Rich Seymour)

Spring Modeler's Meet Inspiring

Our second Modelers Meet went well. We were at a new location that gave us more space, and the opportunity to do our Clinics in the same area as where models and displays were located. This helped to manage the security of models brought for display. Both Newman Atkinson and Tom Cain brought intermodal models in anticipation of Richard Seymour's Clinic on Intermodal equipment and modeling Intermodal transportation. Newman brought a set of trailers on flatcars where TTX is using multiple flatcars to transport 53' trailers. With three 53' trailers on two flat cars the middle trailer straddles a drawbar connecting the two flat cars. He has devised a system to improve tracking and keep the trailers in place especially on curves. Tom Cain brought some Walther's TTX spline cars that he had weathered and had replaced the stock wheels with Intermountain semi scale



One of Dick McPherson's fine structures he displayed at the spring Modelers Meet (Photo by Rich Seymour)



Some of the various Intermodal cars that were on display at the spring Modelers Meet (Photo by Rich Seymour)

wheels for a more prototypical appearance.

Dick McPherson brought some more of his excellent modeling projects including a matched set of Northern Pacific F units and some craftsman k models. Steve Studley brought an Athearn bay

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CID Election Results

Thanks to everyone who voted in the recent CID election. All slated candidates were elected and we had a successful write-in Trainmaster candidate. Beginning May 15, the following will begin their two-year term on the CID Board of Directors.

Steve Studley – Superintendent
Keith Clark – Assistant Superintendent
Rich Seymour – Chief Clerk
Tom Fitzsimmons – Paymaster
John Pancini – Trainmaster
Jack Simpson – Trainmaster
Dave Randolph – Trainmaster

I'd also like to thank the Nominations and Election Committee for their work on the process; Al Kohut, Dan Goins, and Brad Philbrick.

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Get Ready For Another CID Modelers Meet

We will have our third CID Modelers meet on Saturday, October 20, 2012. This type of meet is all about sharing what is going on with your model railroad or modeling projects. Our format is similar to a Railroad Prototype Modelers meet with people bringing some of their models completed, and also those in progress.

This meet is designed for the serious model railroader and those who want to move up to the next level. We are putting this meet on for our NMRA members and it is one of the benefits of belonging to the NMRA. There are no dealers or trains for sale. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Allisonville Christian Church at 7701 Allisonville Road in Indianapolis. We will hold our clinics in the same room where models will be on display, so the models will not be unsupervised during clinic presentations. One clinic that is scheduled will be "Small / Easy Electronic Projects" by Keith Clark. He did a clinic a year or so ago about adding sound to your mechanical reefers. Lets see what he does this time. Doug Rolfe will do a clinic called "Tips on Building Wood Structures."

Our schedule will be pretty informal other than we will have one clinic in the morning and the second clinic in the afternoon. This meet will be from 10:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, October 20th. Our CID Board meeting will also be held at this location following this meet.

For questions contact Tom Cain:

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The Central Indiana Division Presents
MILEPOST 50

2013 Midwest Region Convention

May 2-5, 2013

Indianapolis, Indiana



**Layout Tours • Operating Sessions • Clinics • Contests • Displays
Banquet • Women's Program • Sunday Train Show**

Banquet
Keynote Speaker
Thomas Hoback
President & CEO
The Indiana Rail Road Company



• Non-Rail Program •

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Presentations include:
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Over 20 layouts will be open!



**Operating
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And
Friday.**

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Members on or before April 2, 2013.

See the CID Website for
more information.

<http://cid.railfan.net>

Registration form on
back side of this flyer.

Adjacent Hotel



Convention Hotel



Celebrating
50 Years

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Use code "MILEPOST 50" when making your reservation at any of these hotels

Amendment to Constitution Needed

Voting Ballot In This Issue

The Central Indiana Division (CID) is currently applying to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for a 501(c)(3) non-profit status. The incentive to secure this status has come from several people who have inquired about donating collections or items to the CID. They would then be able to claim that donation on their taxes and the CID could add the items to our auction. A secondary benefit would be for persons performing services to the CID would be able to claim mileage on their taxes.

MILEPOST 50

Midwest Region Convention Update:

We are progressing along nicely with our MILEPOST 50 Convention Planning.

We will have over 20 layouts on our layout tours. Some of these will be layouts that have never been on tours before. Some are layouts that you may not have had a chance to see in 5 or 6 years. Warner Clark has an exquisite Proto 48 O scale layout that you can preview by looking at your NMRA calendars from a few years back. Jack Simpson's Monon Railroad layout fills his basement. You can go to your October 2010 copy of *Model Railroader* to see Matt Hewitt's Shadowton Ridge Coal Country layout. His layout was on the cover and the feature article of that magazine. We will also have Jim Munns' HO Christie Division CNW layout that was in the April 2011 *Model Railroader* magazine. Both Matt's and Jim's layouts were shown in videos on the *Model Railroader* website. Mike Duncan's New York Central/Milwaukee layout was in *Railroad Model Craftsman*. We will have HO, N, O, S, and Garden scale layouts on tours.

Danville Show Grows Again

It was estimated that over one thousand people attended the Danville meet last October. In honor of the CID's 50th Anniversary, the Board of Directors voted to have FREE admission to the Noblesville Meet and Danville Meet in 2013.



(Photo by Keith Clark)

Barbara Acton (left) won an Athearn Locomotive donated by Big Four Hobbies in one of the door prize drawings at Danville. Her husband Darrell (center) was obviously very excited as we know who will actually get the engine.

CID MEMBER JOHN PANCINNI on right above



(Photo by Tom Cain)

Lou Venema talks about track work at the October Modeler's Meet

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★ CID To Host NMRA 2016 National Convention ★

The 2016 NMRA National Convention and Train Show will be held in Indianapolis. The convention will be held in the downtown area, adjacent to the Indiana Convention Center.

The Central Indiana Division will be the host for this event. That means all CID members have a chance to be part of the convention. Whether you choose to participate as a layout owner - with your layout open for tours - or as a modeler - with entries in the model contest or RPM display room - is up to you. Perhaps you'd rather volunteer some time to help out with the operation of the convention, or maybe you'd rather just attend. All choices are welcome. It's your chance to attend the National Convention when it's close to home.

Indy hasn't hosted since 1963 – the year the CID was chartered. I'll guarantee times have changed since that time. Your participation will help us make this convention a great one.

Steve Studley
CID Superintendent and
2016 Convention Chair

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Next CID Modeler's Meet

March 16, 2013

We will have our fourth CID Modelers meet on Saturday March 16, 2013. This type of meet is all about sharing what is going on with your model railroad or modeling projects. Our format is similar to a Railroad Prototype Modelers meet with people bringing some of their models completed, and also those in progress.



Lou Venema explains wiring of a turnout frog to the attendees at the fall 2012 Modeler's Meet. (Photo: Tom Cain)

Right: Doug Rolfe's beautiful On30 module was on display at Noblesville Meet. Below: (left to right) Tom Cain, Steve Studley and Doug Rolfe discuss a model structure submitted for points toward an NMRA Achievement Award Certificate. (Both photos: Rich Seymour)



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MILEPOST 50

Midwest Region Convention Update:



We are progressing along nicely with our MILEPOST 50 Convention Planning. Our newest developments include the Prototype Tours that we will be providing for some of our Convention Attendees and also our

Saturday Evening Banquet Program. Each prototype Tour will be limited to only 40 attendees as we will be guests of these important and vital railroad businesses and we do not want to interfere or disrupt their places of work.

On Thursday, May 2nd in the morning we will tour the offices of the Indiana Rail Road and have an opportunity to see President and CEO, Thomas Hoback's Business Car, which was the former Santa Fe Business Car #56. This car has been completely refurbished and has been used on both the Indiana Rail Road and elsewhere with AMTRAK throughout the United States. We will also see Mr. Hoback's 1930's era Santa Fe El Capitan lounge car which has much of the original trim and seating along with a beverage bar. We will tour the Indiana Railroad Executive Office, which is a faithful reproduction of a typical Santa Fe rural passenger depot. This facility has many appropriate era railroad travel posters and art that was used to promote rail travel in the golden years of railroad passenger travel. We will also see the remote control operation of locomotives in their railroad yard. The Indiana Rail Road was one of the first US Railroads to use remote control of locomotives.

Our second Prototype Tour is of the AMTRAK Big Four Maintenance shops in Beech Grove Indiana on Saturday morning, May 4th. This tour is full, but you can still express interest in this tour as we will keep a waiting list in case anyone who is signed up cancels. Convention attendees will transport themselves to the sites of these tours, but they will be required to report

to the Convention Hotel first to receive maps to these sites along with the credentials to attend these tours.

Our Speaker for the Saturday evening Banquet will be President and CEO of the Indiana Rail Road, Thomas Hoback. Mr. Hoback has been a driving force in making the Indiana Rail Road a thriving local railroad business that reaches from Indianapolis, to Evansville, Indiana to Chicago, Illinois and more. Mr Hoback will speak on the "Past, the Present, and the Future of the Indiana Railroad."

Please go to our MILEPOST 50 Website for the most up to date information on the convention: <http://cid.railfan.net/MP50.html>

Right now on the website we have 16 of our scheduled clinics planned and at this time, we are still getting calls from some who have an interest in doing a clinic. Check out the website to see if more are planned. We have 24 layouts planned for tours with tours available all four days that the convention is in session. Check out photos on the webpage for most of these layouts along with descriptions of the layouts.



NMRA ARRIVALS

Basil Bennett	Bloomfield, IN
Kenneth Berry	Franklin, IN
Chris Chiodo	Jamestown, IN
Robert Groves	Indianapolis, IN
Dennis Kinstle	Danville, IN
Peter McConnachie	Indianapolis, IN
Ronald Pierce	Anderson, IN
Hebron Smith	Guthrie, KY

THOMAS HOBACK WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT M.P. 50



Photo by Rich Seymour

Thomas Hoback was the keynote speaker at the MILEPOST 50 Midwest Region Convention Banquet. He is the owner and CEO of The Indiana Rail Road and his talk about the railroad had everyone riveted to their seats. Many thanks to Tom who shows off his award for his contribution to a great convention. There are more convention pictures on page 8.

2013 Election Results

The three newly elected CID Trainmasters will begin their two-year terms on May 15, 2013. They are (listed in alphabetical order):

Dan Goins
Trevor Jones
Doug Rolfe

The Midwest Region election results are:

President – Paul Mangan
Vice President – Mike Yurgec
Directors-at-Large – Jim Allen, David Leider, and Linda Sukup

After the election, Mike Yurgec was appointed to the National Board as North American Director. His acceptance of that position required him to step down as Region Vice President. Paul Mangan appointed Steve Studley as Mike's replacement. The Region Board of Directors approved that appointment at the Board meeting on Sunday, 5 May, 2013. Steve will continue as CID Superintendent, but is no longer eligible to be Division Director. To alleviate that problem, Steve has appointed Assistant Superintendent Keith Clark to be the CID Division Director and the CID Board has approved that appointment.

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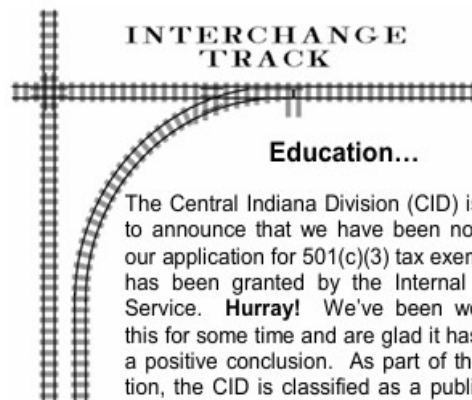
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CID 50th Anniversary Car



Photo of Actual Model



The Central Indiana Division (CID) is pleased to announce that we have been notified that our application for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status has been granted by the Internal Revenue Service. **Hurray!** We've been working on this for some time and are glad it has come to a positive conclusion. As part of the exemption, the CID is classified as a public charity.

THE CID IS NOW TAX EXEMPT!

MILEPOST 50 Midwest Region Convention Report

Our 50 year anniversary celebration event for the Central Indiana Division, the MILEPOST 50 Midwest Regional Convention is now history. One of the biggest stars of the convention, was the 26 local layouts that were featured in this convention. We've known for some time about these outstanding layouts in our Division, now many of our other Midwest Region visitors know about them too. We also had 26 different clinics offered throughout the Convention along with six Non-Rail clinics or programs that included the Marriott East Chef providing a cooking demonstration called "Dynamite Shrimp." I heard it was delicious. Two other of our most popular events were the prototype tours of the AMTRAK-Big Four Maintenance Facility and the Indiana Railroad Senate Avenue Depot and Mr. Tom Hoback's Business car and El Capitan Lounge Car. One of my personal highlights was Mr. Hoback's Banquet Talk on the Past, Present, and Future of the Indiana Rail Road. It is quite clear how his approach to the Indiana Rail Road has made it the most successful and profitable Regional Railroad in the United States.

Other Convention activities included the opportunity to do Model Railroad Operations on some local layouts and observation of Portable Layouts in the Hotel Atrium and at the Train Show on Sunday.

The Central Indiana Division should feel very proud of the way that it was presented to the Midwest Region members and also several other conventioners from some surrounding regions who were anxious for a good convention experience. CID members received a number of compliments on the local model railroad talent and the Hoosier Hospitality that was provided.

A special thanks again to several CID Board Members and others who volunteered many hours to accomplish their part for the convention:

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Non Rail Activities – Marge Clark
Facilities – Charles Malinowski
Operations – Chuck Tuttle
Layout Tours – Matt Hewitt
Layout Tours – Brad Philbrick
Layout Tour Maps – Jack Simpson
Advertising and Train Show – John Pancini
Portable Layouts – Trevor Jones
Convention Co-Chair – Steve Studley

Other volunteers included: Roger Hensley, Matt Ahlbrand, Tom Fitzsimmons, Dan Goins, Jim Koryta, Dennis Rahn, Dave Randolph, Jim Wilhite, Loveta Cain, Ina Jones, Cheryl Koryta, and Penny Studley.

Registration and attendance was up for our convention this year with 190 people registered to attend. We looked

at some family friendly strategies for registration and we will take a look at how they affected our convention participation. There is no doubt about it, the CID demonstrated to our guests that indeed, Indianapolis is a great model train town with lots to offer and this convention event was a pretty successful dress rehearsal for the NMRA National Convention in 2016. Mark your calendar now for the first week of July in 2016 for "Highball to Indy."

Tom Cain
MILEPOST 50 Convention Chair



NMRA ARRIVALS

Rex Bowman	Lebanon, IN
Jim Canter	Beach Grove, IN
Hal Feltl	Ellettsville, IN
James W. Freis	Indianapolis, IN
Jon Fruth	Kokomo, IN
Jim Gasser	Underwood, IN
Tim Gravenstreeter	Indianapolis, IN
Steve Holt	Pendleton, IN
Bud Hunter	Lebanon, IN
Jim & Judy Koontz	Vincennes, IN
Chris Miller	Westfield, IN
Norman Morgan	Evansville, IN
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Ron Simunic	Bloomington, IN
Dave Tank	Indianapolis, IN
Macklin Thomas	Unionville, IN
John W. Ulam	Anderson, IN
Carl F. Zager	Bloomington, IN

The Central Indiana Division of the NMRA wants to welcome these new members. We're happy to have you aboard. If you know any of these new members or happen to see them at a CID activity, please give them a personal welcome.

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A group of Amtrak tour participants.

Photo by Ryan Seymour

MP 50 Tour Amtrak Beech Grove. Far right front is Keith Clark. And to his left with black shirt is Bill Schoonmaker.

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Info Available At Atlanta Convention



Penny Studley answers questions about 2016 at the Atlanta Convention

Fall Modelers Meet

October 19, Bedford, IN

In an effort to encourage attendance by CID members in the more southern areas of the Division, the fall Modelers Meet will be held in Bedford, IN on October 19, 2013. The location will be Fellowship Hall in the First United Methodist Church, 1409 K Street. The times will be from 10A to 3P. As usual,

In Praise of Portable Layouts

As we begin another season of CID meets, beginning with the Carmel Clay Library meet November 9th lets pay tribute those who have taken the time to build portable layouts and displays and share them with us and the general public over the years. According to my NMRA membership card I became a member in January 1976. I recall my first meet in the IBEW hall on Shortridge in Indy, a smoky dim basement with a few dealers and just 2 small modules. As a newbie I studied every detail, went home enthused and brought the beginnings of my own layout to a meet under the tracks in pre-restoration Union Station later that year. Plaster dropped down on us as trains rumbled overhead. A few modelers found us and the winos wondered what was going on in their neighborhood. Next year I was elected a train master and Jim Wilhite asked me if I could keep track of the portable layouts since I was already displaying. He gave me a sheet with 5 unfamiliar names and phone numbers and I started to learn how to be module manager. Today that list has over 30 entries with as many as 14 layouts attending some of our meets.

For ingenuity and creativity portable layouts are hard to beat. Over the years I have seen them built on planks, doors, in pizza boxes, brief cases, guitar cases, one constructed entirely of corrugated cardboard, and one with water and live goldfish. A wooden working model of Baker valve gear, operating lift bridges and loaders, real miniature steam engines, extensive modular set ups, and exquisitely detailed small modules have graced our meets over the years created by individuals, families, and groups of friends. It's fun to observe the teamwork and camaraderie as one of the large modular layouts is set up, the different solutions to

the challenges of safely transporting a layout and its trains, connecting and supporting everything so that a heap of components becomes a smoothly operating model railroad. These folks were up way before dawn loading trucks and trailers, drove for many miles and will crawl home exhausted, sometimes with a few locos bound for the work bench and some broken scenery to repair. How much easier just to slip into a train room and close the door, but they do it all for the rest of us, and for the future of the hobby.

For those of us who are already model railroaders portable layouts show us new idea and techniques, models we did not know were available, and prototypes and scales we may not have thought about, but for the casual visitor they reveal the joy of the hobby. Toddlers in Thomas tee shirts stare at the choo choos and protest when mom wants to move along. Little girls stand and study every detail. Boys watch the trains and say "this is so cool." Dads ask what train set should I buy for my kid. Older guys say "I've got some trains in the attic, I need to get them out again." Who knows how and when our work will bear fruit. Be assured, those of us behind the layouts operating them are having a great time. In a sense showing a layout and getting appreciation from the general public validates us as modelers: We might sometimes wonder about being grown ups who still play with trains. So if there is a prototype you find interesting or a scale you would like to try your hand at that doesn't fit with your main modeling focus consider putting together a portable layout or a static display, we would all love to see what you come up with and you will be going the extra mile to promote this hobby we all enjoy.

Trevor Jones
CID Portable Layout Manager

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James Neil Thompson 1926 – 2013



Neil Thompson Passes Away

Neil Thompson passed away on Friday, October 18th from cancer. He was a dear friend and a enthusiastic Model Railroader. Neil had started on a new layout and had plans on laying his own track. He already had the bench-work finished. Neil had never giving up on model railroading. You may remember Neal as he attended our train shows and did the Kids In Trains KIT Program.

I first met Neil and his wife Norma at their Pet Shop but never really got to know him until I joined the NMRA and we became friends instantly. Tom Fitzsimmons and I had a great time with him when the three of us traveled to St. Louis for a Narrow Gauge Convention. He would always have a great story about his life in Montana and the ranch that he lived on. Neil was always interesting to listen to and he made the trip to St. Louis one that I will never forget.

We had a small round robin group (Bill Myers, Tom Fitzsimmons, James Treepp, Neil and myself) which would meet every Tuesday. We had discussions on model railroading and any other subject that would pop into our brains. We will miss you Neal. God Bless.

John Pancini

The following is an excerpt from Neil's obituary in the Indianapolis Star.

Neil Thompson, 86, was born in Billings, Montana and passed from this life on October 18, 2013. Neil grew up on a cattle ranch near Ennis, Montana and served in the Army during the Korean War. Neil and his wife Norma were owners of Animal Adventure and Speedway Pet Shop for over 50 years. Neil was involved with the 500 Optimist Club parking cars and selling Christmas trees to raise money for charitable works. He was a regular attendee of a Wednesday night poker group started in the 1930's. A member of the NMRA, Neil was an avid model railroader and was always working on the next great train layout.

Please consider a donation in Neil's name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Camp Quality Kentuckiana-Cancer Camp for Kids, where Neil taught the kids to fish.

Spring Modeler's Meet

This spring's CID Modelers Meet will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The meet's theme is Finishing: Custom painting, applying decals and weathering.

This type of meet is all about sharing what is going on with your model railroad or modeling projects. Our format is similar to a Railroad Prototype Modelers meet with people bringing some of their models completed, and also those in progress. This meet is designed for the serious model railroader and those who want to move up to the next level. We are putting this meet on for our NMRA members and it is one of the benefits of belonging to the NMRA. There are no fairgrounds lot just across the road will be available, and as before we will have a couple of Martinsville's finest to protect the crossing. Look around your train room for a structure to display for the popular vote contest, or bring a model for for AP judging. Don't forget to bring a favorite train, whatever it might be, it's always fun to see what shows up. Check out the copy of the flier in this issue for more information and we'll see you there.

Dan Goins & Trevor Jones



2014 CID Election Results

The CID 2014 election for positions on the Board of Directors ended on April 4. Results were announced at the membership meeting held during the Martinsville Meet on April 5. For those of you who weren't able to attend that meeting, the results were:

Superintendent - Keith Clark

Assistant Superintendent – Chuck Tuttle

Chief Clerk – Rich Seymour

Paymaster - Doug Rolfe

There were three Elected Trainmasters:

Matt Ahlbrand

Jon Silverberg

Jack Simpson

Forty-six ballots were received, one of which was declared invalid (filled out incorrectly). The new term for the Board begins May 15. Congratulations to those who are newly elected to the Board. Thanks for your willingness to serve the members of the Central Indiana Division.

Thank you to all who sent in their ballot.

Steve Studley
Chair, 2014 Nominations and Election Committee



Martinsville Meet



Photo: Rich Seymour

Timothy Lingle of the Midwest Live Steamers adjusts an 0-4-0 for a trip around the track. See more about the Martinsville meet on page 7.

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Albertson Collection Donated to the CID

In January I was asked by Dave, a friend at church, to help a widow lady in the neighborhood whose husband had died 16 years ago. Dave was cleaning out her basement in anticipation of her return home from a nursing home, and had found a room full of trains would I come and take a look? The next day Alan Heuer, Robert Sharp, and myself were happily scrambling around in the cluttered basement, taking stock of the situation. Under a pile of junk and mouse droppings we discovered an N scale layout and in rotting boxes was a lot of old HO. It all looked untouched for many years. We set about clearing a space to organize things and see what we had. We found some interesting 60's era Fleischmann HO (Jack Albertson had been an air force fighter pilot stationed in Europe). The rest of the HO was of the old horn hook Tyco variety. There were boxes of used brass track, European style buildings, and scenic stuff, some of it nibbled by the mice.

Once we had uncovered it, the N scale layout was much newer and pretty nice, with some fairly good buildings, but it was built on a crumbling sheet of fiberboard. We were able to gently disassemble the layout and recover the track and structures. We transported everything to my basement and the next week was spent inventorying, cleaning things up, and working on the locos to get as many running as possible. I gained a better appreciation for how hard our dealers have to work, but it was very rewarding to bring Jack's trains back to life. At this point I alerted the board that we had a potential donation and we began the process of establishing a policy for handling them.

Since the CID became a 501(c)(3) organization we have had the ability to accept donations in the same way Goodwill Industries does. At the April board meeting we established our donation policy and

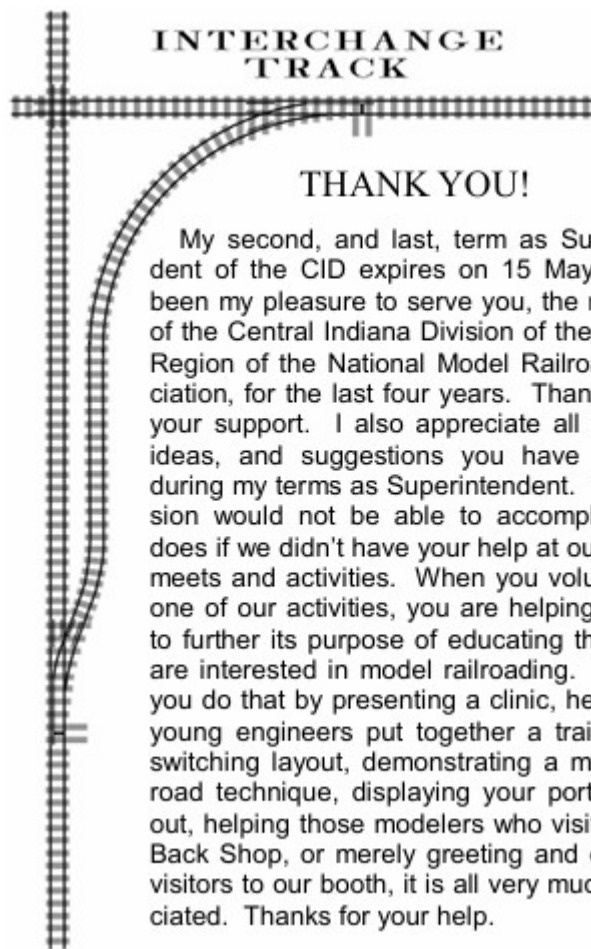
adopted a Receipt for Donations form. We leave valuing a donation strictly up to the donor. Donations must be made public and officially accepted via a positive vote at a meeting of the CID Board of Directors. A board member who has completed and filed a Conflict Of Interest form can accept the donation, give the donor a Receipt for Donations form, and in doing so takes responsibility for selling the items for the benefit of the CID. We do not seek to unfairly compete with our show dealers in selling these items. On the contrary as this becomes a source of revenue it will help us continue to keep our dealer tables prices lower than all the other shows in our area. This will be a service for our members families and to folks in similar circumstances to my neighbor Peg Albertson.

Anticipating that we would soon have a policy in place I had a meeting with Peg in the nursing home. I explained what the CID was all about, and that she could donate Jack's trains to us for a tax credit or, if she was in need, I would buy them for an agreed price and take my chances selling them for myself. To my relief she picked the first option, so I started pricing things and collecting banana boxes to transport them in. At the Naptown & White River Manual High school meet in March most of the collection sold. I enjoyed giving some youngsters bargains on the old HO and N scale cars & locos and even found a buyer for the brass track. Since then a local collector has bought the Fleischmann at a very fair price, and what little remains will be sold at Danville. Thus the CID has received some valuable funds from what might otherwise have ended up in a dumpster, and our policy for handling future estate donations has been established.

Trevor Jones

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From Steve Studley, Supt.



Spring Meet at Martinsville

The third Martinsville Meet on April 5th was a success by all measures. Attendance was a record 366. Our new reduced admission rate of \$3 individual or \$5 per family was well received and still enabled us to cover expenses and make a modest profit. We had nine layouts that were enjoyed by the visitors, especially the many locals with families who came. The usual crowd of rails were there shopping with the 24 dealers who had a wide range of goods on offer: railroad antiques, books, tools, trains, and a dealer selling Thomas the Tank who was popular with the kids.



Vendors displayed a variety of both new and used items along with all kinds of railroad memorabilia.

Dan Goins was the man on the spot for this show, coordinating with the ever changing command structure of the armory and getting good coverage

in the local newspaper. John Pancini took care of the publicity while I handled the layouts and dealers. Dan also found a new caterer for the dining car. Her food was great and very reasonably priced, though she had trouble keeping up with the demand for coffee during the set up from early risers trying to stay awake. Keith Clark gave an interesting clinic on modeling roads which was well attended. There was just one entry each for the popular train and structure contest, and no models presented for AP judging, which was disappointing.



Keith Clark gives a clinic on his approach to building roads. Clinics are a great tool for even experienced model railroaders to learn something new that they can apply to their modeling. Even if you only walk away with one new idea it can be worth it to attend them at the meets.

As required by our constitution the CID annual meeting also took place. Steve Studley, outgoing superintendent, reviewed the past year and highlighted future events including upcoming conventions, especially 2016. Board election results were announced and outgoing members recognized for their service. Tom Fitzsimmons presented the financial report and the audit committee affirmed the accounts to be in good order. Thanks go to the Martinsville Model RR club who set up and tore down the tables, the board members who helped on show day, to Jim Wilhite who engineered the floor plan, so important in a limited space like that, and to Carl Krull and Alan Heuer who hauled extra tables up from Bloomington. We already have the armory reserved for 2015, the Saturday after Easter, April 11.

Trevor Jones
Martinsville Meet Co-Manager



Crew Change

Where to start with my first article as Superintendent of the

CID. I am used to pasting your former Superintendent Steve Studley's *Interchange Track* here and not worrying about having to write something to fill an entire page with important timely information about what is happening within our division. Steve's shoes will be big ones to fill as your Superintendent but assure I will do my best. So with that said I will try to keep you abreast of things that you should be aware of in regards to the functioning of the Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association.

We have currently have three new members serving on the board. Doug Rolfe comes aboard as our new Paymaster and Matt Ahlbrand and Kirk Wakefield are serving as Trainsmasters.

In welcoming them, I am looking for a couple of people who would be interested in serving one year appointed posts as Trainmasters on the CID board. If you think that you would like to help the division in guiding its future I would like to hear from you. I will guarantee that the work load is lite and we can make it fit your time and availability and I would love talk to you about getting involved. We have a great group working to make the CID a positive organization for its members and would love for those interested in the workings of the CID get involved. It takes a core of people to make good things happen and we need those people to come forward. Things just don't happen by themselves. My information can be found on page 2 of this publication or on our website at <http://cid.railfan.net>

In a different direction, I have just returned from the NMRA National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio where I helped man the CID's booth for the 2016 Convention in Indianapolis. It was certainly a very different convention for me as I

have been used to attending clinics, going on layout tours and doing some site seeing with my wife. This time it was a lot of sitting and urging people to sign up to come to Indianapolis in 2016. I did however make it to one clinic on one of my favorite subjects, that being open loads, and came away with ideas for making new and interesting loads for cars on my hopefully soon resurrected layout. Another bright spot was that the end of the convention center hall looked out over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks which ran right next to the building. So for breaks from the booth I sat looking out at the trains which passed on the average of about 4 to 6 an hour.

Upon departing Cleveland on Saturday my wife and I went to Berea, Ohio, a suburb about 20 minutes southwest of Cleveland. It was supposed to be the best train watching site around and also had a restaurant in the old depot there. We were not disappointed as we had 14 trains in approximately two and a half hours and ate lunch with them running past us just 40 feet outside the window of the restaurant.

Now the great news about people signing up in advance at Cleveland and I hope that I am not stepping on Steve Studley's toes here in saying that we got 113 people to register for 2016. That does not include any spouses that may have been included. So we are off to a fantastic start as we exceeded our goal. We hope that many of you will be able to spare a few hours to help during the convention in 2016. Be sure and check out the convention website at **www.nmra2016.org/** and start making your plans to attend. If you have never attended an NMRA Convention there will never be one any closer.

In closing my first Relay Box I hope that you will look for up coming events and make your plans to participate. Whether it be a Modeler's Meet, one of our three Vendor's Meets or a Layout Tour. And don't forget all NMRA members are welcome to attend CID board meetings.

Keith Clark
CID, Superintendent



Images from Cleveland



Steve discusses 2016 planning with Ed Slintack.



Tom, Steve & Keith working the NMRA Indy 2016 Convention Booth.



The 2016 Non-Rail committee discusses possible program ideas for 2016.



A diorama entered in the Contest Room.



A peek at one of the over 250 clinics presented.



The Operations Roadshow Layout drew operators and while was to be the last appearance of the layout, they have promised to bring it to Indianapolis for our convention.

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Fall Modelers Meet October 11, Bedford IN

The 2014 CID fall Modelers Meet will be held in Bedford, IN on October 11, 2014. The location will be Fellowship Hall in the First United Methodist Church, 1409 K Street. The times will be from 10A to 3P. As usual, this will be a meet for CID/NMRA members (members only, please) who are more experienced modelers. Modelers attending should bring along some of their current work for display and discussion. The subject for this meet will be Structures. Information on modeling techniques used will be shared among the modelers and there will be a clinic presentation. Marty Witkiewicz will be our clinician and his clinic will be on building, painting, and weathering large plastic struc-

tures. Marty's layout has many structures that were kitbashed from multiple plastic kits. He'll tell us about the techniques he uses to produce these large buildings. Although the subject for the meet will be Structures, you may bring any modeling project you wish to share with others. Remember, the model does not need to be completed.



This model was built and displayed at a previous Modeler's Meet by Doug Rolfe.
Photo: Rich Seymour

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Photos from the Fall Modelers Meet



(Top left) Bob Case talks about his scratch built model of the Queen City Hotel & Station located on the B&O in Cumberland, Maryland. (Top right) This photo shows the model of the station and hotel.



Steve Studley's diorama of the Fulghum Fibres plant, a wood chipping facility in Meridian, Mississippi, features all scratch built buildings and continues to develop a each meet.



Adding a piece of styrene was a trick that Newman Atkinson presented at the Modelers Meet that he found helped his long cars back up without derailling.



Trevor Jones showed a very interesting concept for adding buildings to a layout which consisted of a book of punch out buildings. These N scale fold and glue together buildings were quit impressive.



Another craftsman kit constructed and displayed by Dick McPherson.

All photo on this page by Keith Clark

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Who Should Attend CID's Modelers Meet?

YOU. That's right; you should be attending the CID's Modelers Meet. But, you note, the description for the meet says: "for the experienced modeler", and I don't consider myself to be an experienced modeler. After the October Modelers Meet in Bedford, a questionnaire was sent to those who attended. One of the questions asked was about this very subject. We received several replies noting the qualifier, "experienced modeler", was causing confusion. In some cases it kept people from attending previous meets. The scope of the meet details that presentations would be made by experienced modelers explaining tips and techniques used in the design and construction of craftsman kits, and kitbashed or scratchbuilt models. And it's not just techniques about cutting, gluing, and painting that are explained. A recent attendee noted: "I enjoyed learning about the thought processes used in the design and modeling choices."

That explains the subjects discussed and learning opportunities that are available at the meets, but does not mention who should attend. Tom Cain came up with a good, succinct explanation of the skill level suggested for those attending:

This event is for the railroad model hobbyist who is looking to move up to the next level of modeling, no matter where you are now.

Whether you are a novice, an intermediate, or an advanced modeler, you'll find it's a learning experience when you attend a CID Modelers Meet. As in the past, the experienced modelers will be the ones who will be explaining their techniques. But, all modelers, regardless of their level of experience, who attend are sure to learn new techniques that will improve their modeling skillset.

Currently, two meets are held each year. During the past two years, we've held a spring meet in Indianapolis and the fall meet has been in Bedford. Attendance has been good, but there is room at both venues for more modelers to participate in these activities. Both experi-

enced modelers and those modelers who are just getting started in the hobby should attend. These meets offer great learning opportunities in a relaxed atmosphere. In this impersonal age of the internet, it's a pleasure to meet and discuss modeling, face-to-face, with other modelers. Plan to attend the spring Modelers Meet which will be held at the Allisonville Christian Church, Indianapolis, March 14, 2015, from 10A – 3P. The subject for the meet will be Open Loads.



Attendance is free but is limited to NMRA members. In order for others to learn about the program offered at a Modelers Meet, a member may bring a non-member guest to a meet. However, this is a one-time opportunity. Further attendance at Modelers Meets requires NMRA membership. If you are eligible, a Rail-Pass membership offers a great way to sample what the NMRA has to offer. For \$9.95, you get a six-month membership which includes the NMRA magazine.

Important items to remember:

The model you bring does not need to match the subject

The model does not need to be completed

We're all busy – no apologies needed

Steve Studley
Past Superintendent, CID
Vice President, MWR
Chair, Highball to Indy, 2016

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Photo by Keith Clark

The NMRA 2016 Convention Booth travel to the Dayton Train Show last October. Steve Studley, Convention Chairman (Right) , talks about the past convention in Cleveland with a Division 3 Midcentral Region Convention volunteer.

FUN AT GTS



Photo by Keith Clark

Trainmaster Matt Ahlbrand helps one of the many kids that performed switching operations on the Inglenook layout at the CID booth at the Great Train Show.

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A Little Something For Everyone At Martinsville



Here is a different perspective from Martin Hooks' quadcopter of the floor of the Martinsville Meet just before the doors opened to the public.

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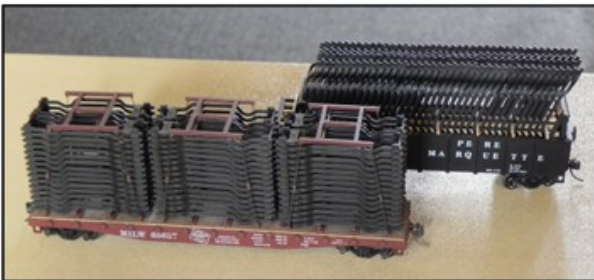
Modelers Meet Report March 14, 2015 Subject: Open Loads

The Central Indiana Division (CID) held its Spring Modelers Meet on Saturday, March 14 in Indianapolis. The subject for the session was Open Loads. Superintendent Keith Clark saw to it that Bob Frankrone, from Louisville, was invited to attend. Bob is well known for his "Open Loads" presentation and several of us have attended his talk in the past. He is in the process of upgrading his talk. The new clinic will be presented in May at Mid Central Region's convention, "The Thoroughbred Limited", in Lexington, KY. Bob also brought 20+ models for which he had constructed open loads. This allowed us to see the actual models that had been shown as photos in his clinic. We enjoyed having Bob join us for a day spent sharing modeling information. I believe Bob also enjoyed the day, interacting with members of the CID. Thanks, Bob, for visiting

There were 19 members present displaying projects that either matched the subject or showed models currently under construction. There was enough time for each modeler to talk about what they had brought and for others to ask questions. Attending CID Modelers Meets proves to be a great way to learn about different modeling techniques and tips that help us to expand our modeling skill-set. Remember **ALL** CID/NMRA members are invited to attend regardless of your current level of modeling skills. Members only, though, with one exception: a member may bring a guest (non-NMRA member) for a one-time visit to learn the educational value of participating in a Modelers Meet. The price is right, too – it's free. See you at the next Modelers Meet. The location, date, and time, will be announced in a future issue of the *Rusty Spike* and on the CID website – cid.railfan.net

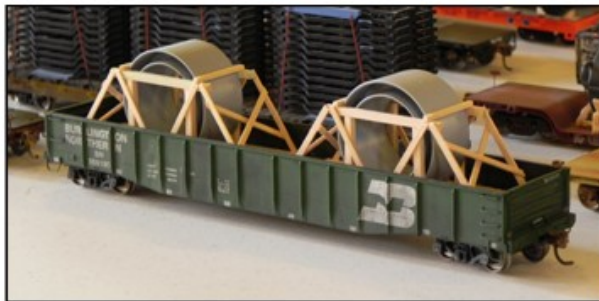


(Above) Tom Cain describes how he made some of his open loads. (Right) Bob Frankrone give his clinic on "Open Loads". (Below Right) One on Bob's loads simply made from empty scotch tape reels but the bracing is awesome. (Below) Models demonstrating several ways to load auto frames are the work of Dick McPherson.



All photos: Rich Seymour

Steve Studley



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Charles Malinowski discusses "S" scale with a curious onlooker at the annual Carmel Library Show.

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NMRA adopting standards for Layout Command Control

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) Board of Directors has agreed to adopt standards for Layout Commands Control (LCC), formerly known as NMRANet. LCC is an operating system protocol, which will work hand-in-hand with Digital Command Control (DCC), handling all non-motive power related functions on a model railroad layout, such as signaling, telephone, and automation. In essence, LCC is DCC for the rest of your layout. LCC was developed over the past several years by the Open LCB Group – a large group of volunteers with expertise in electronics, networking, programming, and model railroading similar to the group that developed Java Model Railroad Interface (JMRI). The final draft of the LCC protocols and the specification documents have been published for comment on the NMRA's website. Look for an article describing all of the benefits of LCC in a future issue of the *NMRA Magazine*.

James Hodson Wilhite

Feb. 8, 1939 - Sept. 10, 2015



ANDERSON — James Hodson Wilhite, 76, Anderson, died Sept. 10, 2015, at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital.

He was born Feb. 8, 1939, in Crawfordsville, the son of Charles and Lois (Hodson) Wilhite.

He graduated from Anderson High School and Purdue University as a mechanical engineer.

He served three years in the United States Army. He worked at Guide Lamp for 28 years. Upon retirement, he purchased LaBelle Woodworking Model RR kit business with two other men and ran it for six years, sold the kit business, retaining the decal making business Valley Car Shops and ran it for 15 years. He also painted models for other model railroaders around the world. He held positions at local, regional and national levels of National Model RR Association.

He married and is survived by his high school sweetheart, Luana (Kennedy) Wilhite in 1961.

He is survived by his sisters-in-law, Connie Powers, Ronnie (Bob) Parshley and Mary Harless; several nieces and nephews, Dan and Stephanie Parshley, Lisa and Jim Weingart, Gayle and Doug Elrod, Stan and Valerie Powers, Laura Harless, Kay and Mark St. Clair, Pastor William Clark (Raechelle) Harless, John (Cinda) Wilhite and their large family and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held at noon on Monday, September 14, 2015 with burial in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Christian Center Rescue Ministries, 625 Main Street, Anderson, IN 46016



Model railroaders across the nation, and countless friends throughout central Indiana, are mourning the loss of James H. Wilhite.

Jim became a life member of the National Model Railroad Association in 1970. Jim has provided leadership over the past 45 years to the Central Indiana Division as well as the Midwest Region. He have served in various Division positions from Trainmaster through Superintendent in that time and also served on the MWR board in committee positions and served two terms as MWR vice president. He was also an active modeler and was completing his third layout of the "Buttercup Valley and Denver" HO railroad. His presence on the CID's board of directors has been guiding force.

We here in the Central Indiana Division will surely miss Jim and thank him for the many years of service that he dedicated to our division. Our best to Luana and family.

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Important Dates to remember for

Highball to Indy, 2016

www.nmra2016.org

The NMRA National Convention is quickly approaching. The first day of the convention will be July 3, 2016. That's not too far in the future. Here is some information for you to note so you don't miss upcoming deadlines or opportunities.

The first bit of information to remember is the day the costs of registering for the convention will increase. All registration fees will increase on February 2, 2016. If you are like me (heaven forbid), you'll procrastinate and find it's now mid-February and you'll have to spend extra money to attend your local convention. To keep that from happening, send in your registration now. Now? Why now? First, you'll have beaten that procrastination bug and saved some money. Second, those who are pre-registered for the convention will receive early email notification of the date the convention hotel will begin accepting reservations and the date when you'll be able to buy tours. For your convenience, a registration form is included in this issue of the *Rusty Spike*.

I realize there are quite a few CID members who live close enough to downtown Indy to not have to worry about a hotel room for the convention. However, there are many of us who are not close enough to drive back and forth daily, and who want the convenience of being able to head back to your room for a bit of relaxation during the day. In case you are in that category, the NMRA has negotiated a great price with The Westin Indianapolis. The rate for a single/double is \$119/day for the week of the convention. That's a great price for downtown Indy. And you will be in the convention hotel. *Note: the hotel is not yet accepting reservations.*

The National Train Show (NTS)® will open on Friday, July 8. Those who have registered for the convention receive free access to the NTS® for the run of the show. The first three hours, from 9:00A until 12:00P on Friday, are exclusively for convention attendees. Beginning at 12:00P Friday, and until closing at 6:00P on Sunday, July 10, the show is open to the public. Public ticket pricing can be found on the NTS® website: <http://www.nationaltrainshow.org/2016/ntsindianapolis.html>

Be sure to continue to visit the convention website (see below) for further information. From now until July, the website will be frequently updated. The homepage for the site also has links to either a paper registration form or online registration on the NMRA website. Check it out.

Convention Website: <http://www.nmra2016.org>

Steve Studley
Chair, *Highball to Indy, 2016*





Years of preparation and hard work by members of the Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association have culminated in the presentation of the 81st Annual NMRA Convention "Highball to INDY". The CID would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the attendees and their families to the convention and wish them a wonderful time visiting our great state and the city of Indianapolis. We believe that they will find that "Hoosier Hospitality" is very much a big part of who we are.



In our journey over many months of preparation for this convention we have worked very hard to provide opportunities for both the modeler's and non-rail participant's to take part in, learn from and hopefully leave with good feeling about the effort we put into it. So please sit back and take some time to enjoy our

convention and our city. There are a lot of offerings for the conventioneer this week not only inside the convention hotel but outside as well.

Look for folks in yellow shirts as they will be glad to help answer questions and help guide people to where they need to be through out the week. These are the people who have worked diligently to put "Highball to INDY" together and they want to make the convention worthwhile for all who are in attendance.

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It's in the History Books

On Aug 12, 2012, at 4:33 PM, Studley, Stephen

A wrote:

Ray,

The Central Indiana Division Board of Directors met today. One of the items of business we attended to was the decision as to whether we would enter a bid for the 2016 NMRA National to be held in Indianapolis.

I'm pleased to say that the vote was positive to proceed with a bid.

The CID's bid was then presented at the NMRA midyear Board of Directors meeting in Atlanta on Feb 9, 2013 and was accepted by the NMRA Board. Thus began our journey.



Prior to the bid presentation, NMRA Meeting and Trade Show personnel had visited Indianapolis in January of 2013 to evaluate venues for the convention hotel and National Train Show. As you are aware, the final choices were *The Westin Indianapolis* to be the convention hotel and the *National Train Show®* to be held in the *Indiana Convention Center*.

After the venues were chosen, it became time

to fill in the schedules for all the activities that occur during the convention week. With the help of the staff at the local Convention and Visitors' Bureau, *Visit Indy*, we learned about attractions in the Indy area. This information became ideas for the General Interest tours held during the convention. Members of the CID host committee initiated searches for what ended up being 8 prototype tours and rail excursions, and 67 layouts for the attendees to visit. I expect you saw the large green buses that were prevalent in the drive in front of the hotel. There were 22 bus tours that left the hotel. These included layout tours, general interest tours, shuttles to the Ladies Luncheon and to the Saturday evening banquet, and an NMRA Directors tour. There were also many self-guided layout tour packets sold which allowed attendees to visit layouts on their own.

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Conventioners board one of the tour busses heading out on one of the many layout tours. Photo: Rich Seymour

It was busy inside the hotel, too. There were 235 clinic slots scheduled along with 10 extra-fare *Modeling with the Masters* extended-time workshops, and 25 scheduled Non-Rail activities. To fit all this in required the use of 9 clinic rooms. The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) – Layout Design (LDSIG), Operations (OPSIG), and Layout Command Control (LCC SIG) – set their schedule for their activities for the week and the Operations Road Show group had their layout available for multiple 3-hour operating sessions. The Contest/Celebration Room displayed models and photos. Here you were able to see the work of many excellent modelers and photographers. The Silent Auction and Company Store rooms were both popular places to visit. Throughout the convention area, you may have noticed folks wearing red t-shirts with the *Highball to Indy* logo. These were volunteers who were either from the local area or were convention attendees. Regardless, these folks gave up some of their convention time to help us run the convention. Thanks.

On Friday, the hotel calmed down a little when the convention attendees visited the *National Train Show®* in the *Indiana Convention Center*, which was directly across the street from the Westin. The 164,100 sq. ft. of trains as modular layouts, booths for vendors and manufacturers showed the attendees and visitors some of what is available to model railroaders. And food – food was available, too. It was fun to sit

around the tables while eating lunch and being able to visit with other model railroaders.

All good things must come to an end, and Saturday evening's NMRA Awards Banquet was the final event of the convention. The banquet was held in the Illinois Street Ballroom of the historic Union Station, Crowne Plaza Hotel. Just over 200 attended the event. Once again we were able to socialize with others and enjoy a nice dinner. Food and friends – fantastic. NMRA President Charlie Getz recognized those who received awards and then Mr. Shane Wilson, our banquet speaker, represented the managing crew from ScaleTrains.com with an inspiring story of just what it has taken to begin a model railroad business. After Shane's talk, Gilbert Thomas from the Orlando host committee invited us to visit next year's convention in Orlando, FL. The Orlando crew then showed a video noting what will be available for us to do while attending NMRA 2017 Orlando, *The Orange Blossom Special*. The evening ended about 9:30P.

At that time the 46-1/2 months of preparation and the week of actually managing the convention activities came to a close. All this was made possible by a host committee of dedicated CID members who spent innumerable hours collecting info, arranging events, rearranging events, finding replacements for people who were unable to attend the convention, and then actually working during the convention. These were the folks you were continuously seeing in the "Cheezit" yellow *Highball to Indy 2016* shirts. As mentioned before, the folks who volunteered their time are also greatly appreciated. It takes a lot of people to do all that needs to be done. Thanks go to all the clinicians who presented during the convention. Clinics and layout tours are two of the mainstays of our conventions. It wouldn't happen without you. All of us were pleased to be able to share Central Indiana modeling with the nearly 1100 convention registrants. We thank you for attending.

See you at future conventions.

Steve Studley
Convention Chairman

Library Show Again A Hit

With November comes National Model Railroad Month and the time that the CID usually teams with the Carmel Clay Library to put on a model railroad event. This year, due to some scheduling conflicts, the event was held on October 15th. There were over 600 visitors this year, down in numbers from past years, but this year's date fell on the area schools' fall break so it would seem that maybe many of the attendees from past events may have been off doing other things that weekend. Next year's show will go back to November and be held on Saturday the 3rd.



Layouts on display included Trevor Jones (N), the Middle Fork and Cedar Ridge (N), Bill White (N), Midwest Live Steamers (G), Keith Clark (HO), Cin-Trak (N), Ellen Shelton (Z), Ed Keen (N), and Julian Garner (HO). We also don't want to forget the Circus modelers who displayed their items with us in an adjoining area of the library.

As always with the Carmel show we see a very different group of people coming to see the layouts but the enthusiasm is extremely high. While we always have to keep an extra eye on the layouts, the kids do very well with keeping their hands to themselves despite the large number who come to view the trains.



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CARMEL CLAY PHOTOS



"The Motley Crew" discussing who knows what as they sit at the CID Table during the Carmel Clay show. Left to right: Jim Shellhaas, Jon Silverberg and Steve Studley.



Left: Kids enjoy operating trains on Julian Garner's HO layout which featured Thomas the Tank Engine and other friends.



An interested spectator photographs a passing N scale steam locomotive.

Dozens of new videos streaming online at our NMRA website!

**By Gerry Leone, MMR
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Our website features over two dozen new videos for your enjoyment! Most are "Members Only" benefits.

"Introduction to Layout Command Control (LCC)" is a recording of the clinic given by the OpenLCB team in Indianapolis. The clinic was recorded from the audience and only has ambient sound, but it is nevertheless extremely informative. If you're curious about what LCC can do, watch this clinic. You'll find it at <http://www.nmra.org/introduction-layout-command-control-lcc> on our website.

Model Railroader Video Plus donated a 12-minute over-view of highlights of last July's "Highball to Indy" convention in Indianapolis. Just ignore the video's dorky host and you'll hear interviews with President Charlie Getz, a founder of Operations Roadshow, and two

members of the LCC team who demonstrate the simplicity of LCC signaling. That video will be posted to our main homepage soon (if it's not there already), so members and non-members alike can see what a great convention "Highball to Indy" was. Look for it in the "slideshow" on the homepage.

Watch for more Model Railroader Video Plus videos on our website at <http://www.nmra.org/members/videos> in the near future. These videos are generous donations by Model Railroader Video Plus to the NMRA in exchange for us sending you promotional emails.

TrainmastersTV (part of *Model Railroad Hobbyist* magazine) has also donated a dozen videos to the NMRA in exchange for promotional emailings. These videos will be posted soon to <http://www.nmra.org/members/videos> and feature a wide range of interesting subjects.

All of these videos are entertaining and great tools to help your modeling. Again we want to thank Model Railroad Academy, Model Railroader Video Plus, and Trainmasters TV for their generosity!

2016 CID Fall Modelers Meet

The fall CID Modelers Meet was held Saturday, September 24 in Ellettsville, IN. There were fifteen modelers in attendance on a bright, early-fall day. It just seems right to spend most of the day in a basement, even though it's a church basement and there is no model railroad there. There were enough model railroad projects brought in for display that we attendees weren't bothered with layout withdrawal.



Doug Rolfe brought in his current module and talked about the progress he is making on it. Trevor Jones presented his clinic, "Scenery by the Yard", that was given at *Highball to Indy 2016*. Trevor also demonstrated the use of more of his bargain finds for scenic elements and some of the kits he is using for structures on his railroad. Bill Schoonmaker demonstrated his use of Microsoft Publisher software in the planning process for his layout. And Keith Clark led a discussion on the design of his railroad.

As noted, the fifteen of us were able to share some time together and add a thing or two to

our individual model railroading skill set. Being in a smaller group is a great way to interact with fellow modelers. However, I'd sure like to see more modelers attend these very beneficial sessions. If you are planning on coming to our next Modelers Meet, consider rounding up a buddy to bring along. The CID is currently planning to double the number of Modelers Meets for next year. We'll have four Modelers Meets in 2017. Next year's first meet will be held on March 11, at the Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave, the modeling subject for the day will be announced soon.



Add March 11 to your calendar and if you aren't already a member of the CID email list, you should sign up. Additional information concerning CID meets and activities is shared on that list in a more timely manner than is possible with only five yearly issues of the *Rusty Spike*. Directions for joining the list are posted on the CID website, cid.railfan.net or you can contact me.

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John Pancini and an interested bystander watch trains run on John's N scale layout.

Upcoming CID Clinics

CID Noblesville Train Show – 1/29/17

Paper Models and Photo Wallpaper– by Steve Studley

How to build models from printed cardstock or from photos laminated onto structural cores.

Modelers often place a suitably-sized cardboard box on the layout as a stand-in for a future, more highly-detailed, structure. It's a good way to check on size and if the structure will fit in or stand out. Rather than using a cardboard box, the use of either a commercial cardstock structure or a photo wallpaper structure is a good way to get a better looking structure in place until you can build that super-detailed, scratchbuilt model. This clinic will provide tips and techniques on how to construct these types of models.



2017 March Modeler's Meet

We'll be meeting at a new location for the Saturday, March 11, 2017 Central Indiana Division's (CID) Modelers' Meet. The new location is the Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave, on the east side of Indianapolis near the intersection of E. Washington St. and S. Ritter Ave. Hours will be our regular 10A to 3P. The modeling subject for the meet will be Lights and Lighting. This can be lighting for structures, locomotives, freight and passenger cars – or another lighting application.

Bring something with you that you'd like to share with others. Remember, even though we have a subject (Lighting), the item you bring does not need to be specifically about Lighting. It is okay to bring any modeling item. It does not need to be about Lighting, nor does it even need to be completed. (Come on modelers, I'd bet that **everyone** has at least one unfinished project on their workbench.) If there is an interesting technique that you've found works well for you, come to the meet, bring an example with you, and share it with the rest of us.



Tom Cain explains some of his modeling techniques to some of the attendees at a past Modeler's Meet in Indianapolis. (Photo by: Rich Seymour)

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Regardless of the level of your skillset, come to the meet and we can almost guarantee you **will** learn some bit of information that will increase your modeling skills. Plus, we have a good time at the meet.

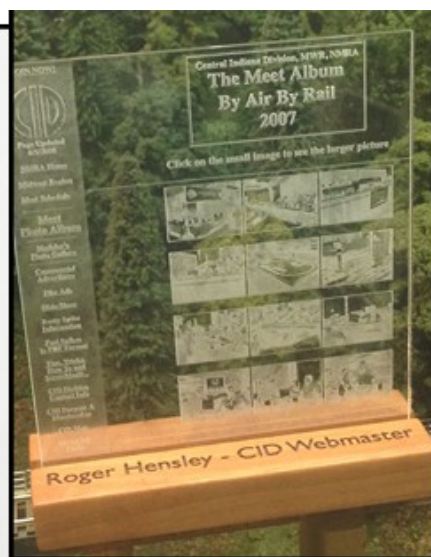
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You may bring your lunch with you or there are fast-food restaurants just a short drive away. There will be some of us staying in the church during lunch, so, if you bring your lunch, you'll have somebody to chat with. And, we keep an eye on the models, so they will be safe.

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Contact me with questions about joining this Yahoo list.

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Roger Hensley holds the award presented to him by the CID at the Annual Meeting in Martinsville. Roger was our webmaster and responsible for maintaining the CID's website since its inception. He did a fabulous job with new technology of the time. The board wanted to thank him for his tireless work and contribution by keeping our website current and informational. The award is a copy of one of Roger's home pages and was laser etched on Plexiglas and mounted on an oak base with his name and title.

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With this column I
begin my last year as
your Superintendent.

I believe the Central Indiana Division has done very well over the past years but that is only because of the leadership of those on the board that you elect to serve on your behalf. I want to congratulate those whom you have just elected to serve as Trainmasters for the coming two years and the one stepping down. I know they will and have served you well. I would encourage any of you to step forward and lend a hand in guiding the CID in the future as your help is always needed and appreciated. I would like to remind you that you are always welcome to attend board meetings and see what we do and we would eagerly welcome any input that you might have regarding our work. If you would like to have a vote, run for an elected position or talk to your superintendent about an appointed one.

With another Martinsville Meet under our belt I would like to thank Trevor Jones for all the work he does to put that together. While it is not the best location for a meet it certainly affords us a huge amount of space. As you may all remember we lost the Martinsville National Guard Armory to toxic lead issues and as of yet it is unavailable to the public for rental. We are looking for a better location and hope that next year's spring meet will find us in a place of better quality. We also held the CID Annual Meeting at the meet and it was fairly well attended. The most notable thing that came out of the meeting was reflections on our hosting of the 2016 NMRA National Convention and the income we made from the event.

I would now like to say something about a passion that I started a little over a year ago and morphed, mutated, evolved or whatever since. That being what ultimately has become a joining of forces with the Indiana Free-mo group. When this venture started, my goal was to create something to get members of the CID involved in something that would bring more modelers together. I started with a concept of

dioramas, then T-trak in N scale and then to HO scale, that eventually became Free-mo modules on the direction of the board. I have hoped that some of you may be interested in joining us and build a module of your own to connect with ours. I am continuing to work toward that goal.

On page 8 of this issue I have devoted an entire page to the group and what they have accomplished so far. While we have a long way to go it is a great start. In the future I plan to offer work sessions for those who would like guidance in building a module with the inclusion of electrical, track and scenery work. The biggest problem that faces us is a location to do this. If you know any cheap to rent or even free location we could use to do this please get in touch with me. Any help in this area would be enormous (see pg.3).

It is my hope to provide informational pages on the CID website on how to build modules so please be on the lookout for those in the near future. My intentions are always good but sometimes get sidetracked, please pardon the pun, with all the other complications life puts in front of me. I have already cut the frame work, though, and intend to photograph and document step-by-step procedures for those interested in following the process.

Last, mark your calendars for the Danville Meet coming up on November 18, 2017. It should be a sellout show as usual with layouts, vendors, clinics, food and the like. I hope to see you all there.



The CID Annual Meeting was held at the Martinsville Meet.
Photo by Rich Seymour

Martinsville Meet Photos



(Clockwise from upper left) One of the paper models entered in the Favorites Contest. Newman Atkinson conducts a clinic on making hay bales. Display layouts always attract a lot of attention. One of the excellent models entered in the Favorite Train contest.

2017 CID Election Results

The Central Indiana Division (CID) 2017 Trainmaster Election ended on March 31, just prior to the Martinsville Meet and Annual Meeting of Members. There were four candidates for the three Trainmaster positions to be elected this year. Fifty-one ballots were received for this year's election.

As announced at the Annual Meeting, the three successful candidates are Dan Hinel, Bill Schoonmaker, and Jim Shellhaas.

We would like to thank all who took the time to mail in their ballots. Your participation in the election is appreciated.

Nominations and Election Committee
Doug Rolfe
Steve Studley

Steve Studley became President of the Midwest Region in 2017!
Steve is our 4th CID Member to become MWR President. Frank Highes (1st), Lou Bushfield (2nd) and Bill Litkenhous (3rd).

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Late Spring Modelers Meet

Over 20 people attended the Modelers Meet held at the Columbus Area Model Railroad Club's building in the Johnson County Park at Camp Atterbury. Tom Cain (above) talks to the group about operation on his Santa Fe layout. (left) Dan Hinel listens to questions about the operating scheme he uses on his large layout. If you haven't attended a Modelers Meet yet, I urge you to attend the one on September 16th. See the Upcoming Events page for time and location.

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2018 March Modelers Meet

The CID's next Modelers Meet will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. We'll meet again on the northwest side of Indianapolis at the Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11250 N. Michigan Rd., Zionsville, IN. Hours will be our regular 10A to 3P. The presentation for the meet – *Signaling the Eastern Illinois Santa Fe* – will be given by Tom Cain.

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2018 Modelers Meets are scheduled for the following dates.

Saturday, March 17, 2018 10am to 3pm

Location - Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11250 N. Michigan Rd., Zionsville, IN.

Theme: *Signaling the Eastern Illinois Santa Fe* Clinic presented by Tom Cain

Saturday, May 19, 2018 10am to 3pm

Location and Theme: TBD

Saturday, October 13, 2018 10am to 3pm

Location (tentative) – Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN.

Theme: TBD

Add these dates to your calendar. As more information about the meets becomes available, it will be posted to the CID website, cidnmra.org, and to the CID Yahoo list. If you aren't already a member of the CID email list, now would be a good time to sign up. Directions for joining the list are posted on the CID site at cidnmra.org. Contact me with questions about joining this Yahoo list or the Modelers Meets.

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New Franklin Show Location Proves Worthy



Trainmaster Eric Smith looks on as Paymaster Joe Rodenberg and Trainmaster Jin Schellhaas sell tickets to the relocated spring train show at the Johnson County National Guard Armory in Franklin, Indiana. (Photo: Rich Seymour)

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Dan Hinel **CID Superintendent**

Hello CID/NMRA Members,

I am Dan Hinel, your newly elected CID Superintendent. It is a great honor and privilege to represent you for the next two years. Even though I have been a member in three different divisions/regions of the NMRA for over 25 years, I still have a great deal to learn. My first lesson is how great a job Keith Clark and your CID board has done fostering model railroading here in central Indiana. Keith has left me with some pretty big superintendent shoes to fill. I will state for the record that I will probably stumble and fall as I learn my new duties.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Yes, it has been hot but what better excuse to go down into that nice cool train room and work on the layout or other projects. One project that you might be interested in is the 100' X 100' scale feet favorites contest. Prepare an entry for display at the Danville Train show. See the CID web page <https://www.cidnmra.org> for further details.

While looking at the web page don't forget to see the CID/NMRA Timetable for other events this Fall. In particular the CID Modelers Meet Saturday, October 13, 2018 Carmel Library Show, Saturday, November 10, 2018 and the Annual Danville Train Show, Saturday November 17, 2018.

Many of you are probably have recently returned from the 2018 NMRA National Convention at Kansas City, but even if you did or did not there are various regional and divisional activities around. In particular the Michiana Division is host the Edu-Train E & T Conference in South Bend on September 21-22, 2018. Ok, you are in need of an op session, reach out and contact your fellow model railroaders for opportunities to operate. Even if you are a novice operator you will always be welcome. Plus do not forget the CIRROPS Weekend November 3-5, 2018.

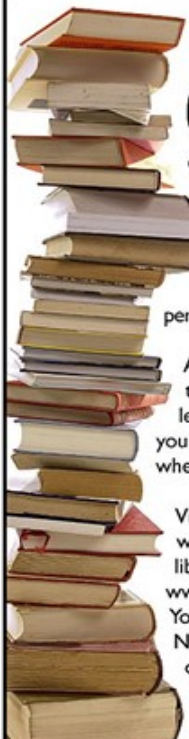
Ok one final comment. I and the CID Bod are here for you but feedback is critical in the improvement process. So, I will open up a can of worms since I

cannot read your mind I will ask. What is your opinion of the CID/MWR/NMRA? Rate your response on a scale of 1-10, 1 needs improvement and 10 can't say enough good things. If you are sighting a deficient, can you also provide a suggestion how you would improve the situation. Let me know, either by attending a CID Bod meeting or sending me an email, danhinel@sbcglobal.net. Final thought, I don't have all the answers but we as a group can come up with a great many. Look to what you have accomplished since 1963, hosted regional and national conventions, promoted the hobby and made great friends, constructed some of the best layouts in the hobby. Let us not look at obstacles that block our path but rather for paths around such obstacles so we can meet our objectives.

Thank you,

Dan Hinel
CID Superintendent






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Spring 2018 Modelers Meet



Above: Eric Peterson explains how he made his O Scale signals for his model railroad.
Photo: Rich Seymour

Below: Tom Cain shows how he builds his HO signal bridges for his Santa Fe model railroad.

Photo: Rich Seymour



TRAIN DAY at the MUSEUM



We just finished the 6th Annual "Train Day at the Museum" on July 14th, (at the Terre Haute Children's Museum.) A show of Operating Layouts, Dioramas, Railroad Museums, and Yes the NMRA. 6 years ago I was asked to (and I Quote **try**) to put on a Train Show at the Children's Museum. The Terre Haute area is a place that most train shows have come and gone, and talking with a few of those that had tried to put on a show, breaking even was a big drawback. It could have been facility rental fees or lack of show visitors, Who Knows. Several years have passed since the last of those shows and so far our show is still here, finishing it's 6th year and already working on the 7th.

As a previous volunteer at the Museum, I repaired older exhibits along with being a member on the board, I had a long acquaintance with the Museum to include helping set up the traveling exhibits, Dinosaurs, Sharks, and the like. Little did they know how many model railroaders I knew around here. We were able to bring in 7 layouts at the first show (more than the Museum thought we could bring in), and yes 285 visitors came in to see it, (not that the terrible storm pushed them in to see it that day).

The News Media interview of the 1st Show came out with the Museum saying that this was the first annual event. I then new this was going to continue. The Museum was wondering if there was a limit to how many layouts could be brought in or even fit in the Museum. Well it has grown from those first 7 layouts to a high last year of 18 operating layouts, Railroad Museums, Dioramas, and

Displays and we still find places to put everyone. We opened this year's "Train Day at the Museum" with 14 layouts down a few but drew 451 visitors, over doubling a regular Saturday attendance at the Museum. My Railroad Engineer Manikin, came home with a name this year of "FRED" given by Kids at the Museum. He will wear that name next year. The last three years we have boasted that possibility this show may be the largest gathering of (and I Quote small layouts) in all of Central Indiana. We may never know for sure as few records probably exists about shows from years past. I am thankful of the near endless amount of Central Indiana Division portable layouts out there and as always a new one or two each year add to the show. I have to thank several Central Indiana Division Members faithfully bringing their layouts out for this event



Steve Studley mans the CID Booth at Train Day at the Museum
Photo: Newman Atkinson

each year. And what a wonderful place to showcase your trains, your modeling work and at a "Summer Show" in a Beautiful Building no less with a lot of kids and families with their eyes a glowing. I always pondered how well a show would work here on the west side of Indiana. And here it is. A show that has no costs to us, the exhibitors. All entrance money goes for a good cause, The Terre Haute Children's Museum. Not sure yet if 451 is a new record of attendance for the show, but if it isn't it is well on it's way. We may not have Vendors, But we have a Great Show.

After visiting the show in 2017, an NMRA Display Table from one of your own, Steve Studley

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Representing CID, the NMRA, and your Region President exhibiting for the first time and showing his Scale 100 Square foot scene. Steve left with Smiles as did my CID regular exhibitors, and Yes even my new ones. Thanks goes out to all the exhibitors as it is not a show without you. "Train Day at the Museum". We get to show case to the children of all ages, the Parents, Grand Parents and Model Railroaders. A neighbor walking her dog this morning started talking about the show and is planning to take her Grandkids next year. She told me I should go to it, seeing my interest in model railroading. Yep, that was me Hosting the show, I said. All these could be future NMRA Members, We Hope.



Trevor Jones shows off his Transylvania Railroad.
Photo: Newman Atkinson

Next Year's Show we invite all of you to show off your work of your 100 X 100 Scale Square Foot

Scene you are hopefully doing for the Danville Show in November and we will showcase these and a public Favorites judging from the kids at the Museum. I am working on mine as well, Are You? We will see if a different crowd has the same opinion of which one is best as will Danville, Indiana.....
from your Host of "Train Day at the Museum", Newman Atkinson
See you there in 2019. "TRAIN DAY AT THE MUSEUM"

Newman and Connie Atkinson



Interested in getting involved and building a Free-mo module or two to mate up with other modules? You can contact Keith Clark at gtwfan@bluemarble.net for more information.



Part of a Free-mo module at the 2018 National Train Show in Kansas City.
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NOTE: In November of 2018, John Coy was appointed as “Trainmaster” by Supt. Dan Hinel to fill Ed Novitt's position, as Ed relocated outside of the CID.

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October 2018 Modelers Meet

The next CID's Modelers Meet will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018. We'll meet on the east side of Indianapolis at the Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN.

Hours for the meet will be our regular 10A to 3P.

The presentation for the meet – *JMRI Operations* – will be given by Joe Mattick.

Attendance at Modelers Meets is free to ALL NMRA members, but if you have a non-member buddy who would like to attend, bring him or her along. Non-members are limited to one visit, though. To attend future Modelers Meets, we do expect the modeler to join the NMRA. Attendance at this free meet is a direct benefit of your membership. Attend, increase your modeling skillset, and get acquainted with other Central Indiana modelers.

By John Coy

MODELERS MEET

OCTOBER 2018

A First Time Attendee's Reflection

What a fantastic Modelers Meet! A good time was had by all. This was my very first meet. I confess that I almost didn't go. I've been in model railroading for many years and just very recently joined the NMRA. When I first read about the Modelers Meet, I read the brief description and didn't quite understand. After reading the description a few times, I envisioned a bunch of rivet counters looking at a model analyzing it. Boy was I wrong! Ultimately, I decided to give it a try and am I ever glad.

The day began as I walked into the meet where I saw a good number of people seated at several tables. Some looked in my direction as I walked toward an empty chair. Several friendly faces glanced in my direction. Before long a guy came up and began talking with me and not long after that, another gentleman came up to talk—a friendly bunch.

A very short time later, a gentleman stood at the front of the room and made an announcement of what was going to happen that day including introducing a man, Joe, who was giving a presentation on model railroad operations.

Before Joe's excellent presentation, another gentleman addressed the group showing them a model he was working on. What really surprised me was instead of just showing off the model, he asked the group for suggestions relating to an issue he was having with his project. He was having difficulty coming up with alternatives. He received several excellent suggestions!

It never ceases to amaze me as long as I've been in this hobby just when you think you have heard everything, you learn something new! There is no better way to get new ideas and information than sitting in a room full of fellow train enthusiasts!

I have been a Model Railroader for many years. I have modeled in different scales. I have constructed numerous layouts. I have belonged to a modular club. I'm on several Internet chat boards, where ideas are exchanged. However, there is nothing like the

fellowship and camaraderie of being right there in person with a group of fellow modelers.

Another interesting fact is that all of these folks were not just HO modelers. There was a very interesting "mix" there. The guy that surprised me the absolute most was a Proto 48 guy. For those of you who may not know, Proto 48 folks model everything precisely 1/48 ratio. A very small percentage of folks are in that fine scale, but what fabulous work they do!

I was the only 3-rail modeler in the room. I am a different kind of 3-rail modeler. I model realistically. There has been a huge movement in O scale in the past 20 years where manufacturers are producing a huge variety of scale and highly detailed O scale equipment. This movement is called: 3-rail scale.

We had people there who had their layouts in magazines and on videos. We had other people who didn't have a layout. We had people that had multiple years of experience. We had people with very limited experience. Talk about the whole gamut!

My favorite part was when we all introduced ourselves to the whole group and gave a brief introduction about ourselves and our layouts. That's when I learned lots of interesting things including reinforcing the reality that we model railroaders, all of us, regardless of scale or skill set, are valued members of our community.

There are people in this hobby that are under the mistaken impression and have absolutely no interest in anything outside their own scale. They do not appreciate the fact that we are all model railroaders and share common issues. I don't care if you're a Z scale person or a G scale person. You have a model railroad. You may have unique issues to your scale but ultimately we are all in the same boat.

There is always something you can learn from others regardless of scale. I'm certain people miss a lot by shutting others out just because the other person doesn't model in the same scale. Huge mistake!

I can tell you one thing for certain about that Modelers Meet, there is nothing greater than sharing a room with a group of people who are as enthusiastic about the hobby as you!

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Rusty Spike Moves to Quarterly

Beginning with this issue the *Rusty Spike* will be published on a quarterly basis. There are many reasons for this change but it will suffice to say that the main reason is article contributions. There have not been enough items coming from members to fill five issues a year. With that being said issues may expand to cover topics and information that is important to the membership of the Central Indiana Division. As always if you have something to share please submit it to the Spike, and as space permits, it will be published for the CID membership to enjoy and learn from. I hope that the Spike is an asset to your membership in the NMRA.

Keith Clark: Rusty Spike Editor

Danville 100'x100' Contest

Entries for the Danville Favorites Contest were amazing. The rules restricted entries to a scale 100'x100' display in what ever scale you wished to do. There were a total of ten entries, all HO scale, and anyone who attended the Danville show was able to vote on their favorite. First, second and third places received recognition for their hard work in the form of a beautiful plaque. Be on the lookout for the theme of 2019's Danville Favorites Contest and begin work on your entry. Let's see how creative you can be.

Right: Steve Studley, contest chair, presents Doug Rolfe with a plaque for taking 1st place in the contest for his Moose Creek Crossing. Below: Doug's beautiful work on his 100'x100' entry.

All contest photos by: Rich Seymour



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Jon Silverberg shows off his powered track cleaning car to the attendees at the October 2018 Modelers Meet.

Photo by: Rich Seymour

This photo above is from the 2018 Modeler's Meet. I, John Coy, wrote the article about the Meet in this edition of the Rusty Spike. I'm the guy in the photo about dead center, way in back, with red shirt, black scarf and "tilted" to see! This was a super friendly bunch of guys and they are the reason I'm in the NMRA going on 8 years (since 2018).

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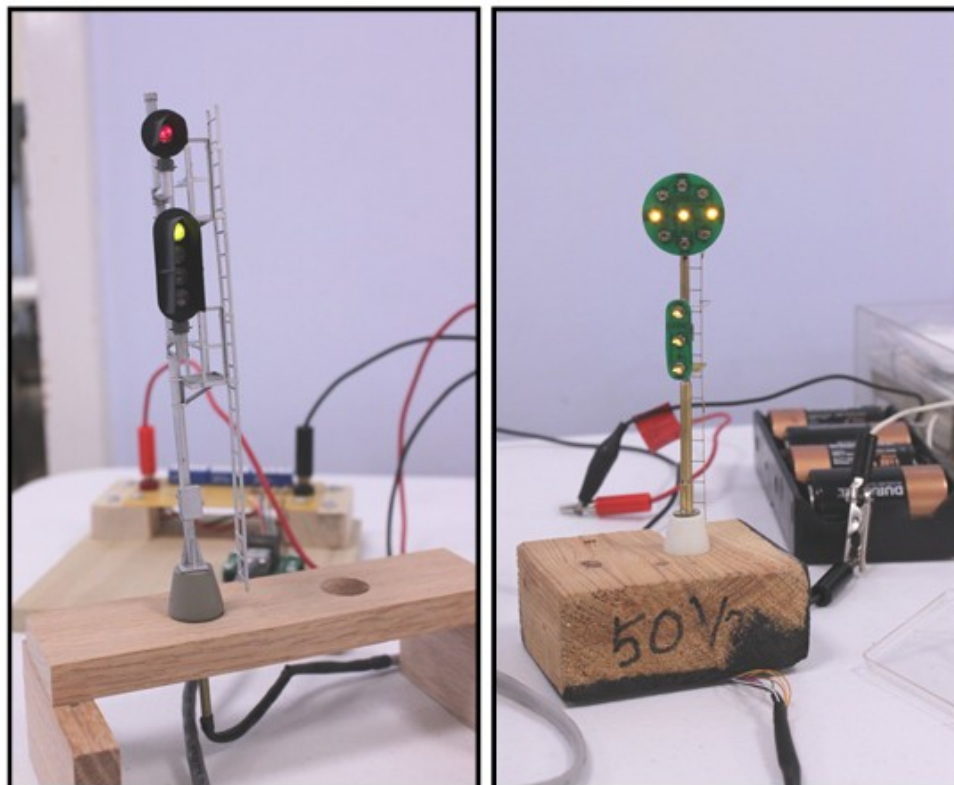
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More Knowledge At The Late Spring Modelers Meet



Above are O scale signals by Eric Peterson which were shown at the Late Spring Modelers Meet. Eric uses printed circuit boards for the signal heads and very small LED's for lighting them. Other parts are cast in minute detail.

The CID's Late Spring Modelers Meet was attended by twenty six inquisitive model railroaders. Numerous projects were on display and explained to the group by the person who brought the project. Models included a six foot warehouse and software used to make it, a 3-D printed water tower and machines, Golden Spike memorabilia, making decals for a specific prototype, and freight car weathering. Also a clinic was given on making realistic looking roads which stimulated a lot of conversation.

For those who have never attended a Modelers Meet, we invite you to come to the Fall Meet.



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Super's RR

Hello CID Model Railroaders,

This edition of the "Super's RR" will be like the previous issues, more raving and a lot less ranting. After all, what is not to like about model railroading. The following is what I am raving about in this edition.

First, I would like to welcome our new Train Masters to the CID Board: Daniel Banks, Bill Joyner, and John Poray. In addition to these individuals there are an additional 11 board members which constitutes the CID Board of Directors (CID BoD). I want to thank the previous 2018-2019 CID BoD and look forward to working with new 2019-2020 CID BoD. If you are wondering who is on the CID BoD, take a look at our web page or this issue of the Rusty Spike. Not only does the CID BoD represent a wide variety of skills and knowledge in various model railroading scales, but they are also widely geographically disperse in the CID. I find this very beneficial to aid in communication with our CID members. So if you have a question or comment, please contact a member of the board, we really want to hear from you.

So what has been happening in the division for the past several months? Hopefully you have referred to the CID website, received an email or noticed activities on our Facebook page. If not, here is what you missed: train shows by Naptown & White River club, Indy South Train Show by TCA group, our CID Indy Train show, CID Spring Layout tour in Avon area featuring some great layouts, plus a Santa Fe Mini-Meet in Indianapolis, and CID Modelers Meets in Zionsville and Plainfield where members like you have provided very informative discussions via clinics and show and tell. You may be asking yourself, "Wow I have been missing a lot but model railroaders in my area have also been busy!" So if your club, round robin group or a group of modelers want to notify the CID members you may want to think about the following. Did you know that we have a section on the CID website called "Extra Fare", under the "Schedule" Tab that offers a place

for you to list model railroading activities in the division. These events are not limited to CID/MWR/NMRA events. You may use the "Drop us a line" feature found under the "Contact" Tab of the CID website, <https://www.cidnmra.org>.

Ok, it is summer and most of us are trying to make the most of the warm weather. Yes there is the yard work, vacation plans, various sports events for our children and grandchildren plus sitting back in the shade having a cold one, taking in all of life's treasures can making the summer very busy. But, let us not forget that the basement layout room is cool, there are a lot of railfanning opportunities plus some events that the entire family can enjoy. In Atlanta, IN on June 22nd there is the "Midwest Rail Fest", Heartnut Festival in Johnson County on September 7th to see the Live Steamers plus the Columbus Area Train Club and how about the 2019 Steel Mill Modelers Annual meet in Indianapolis on August 15-18, 2019, plus let us not forget the 2019 NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City. OK, I have done a poor job listing all the model railroading events, so why don't you list them on our web page?

I have been your Trainmaster or Superintendent for the past several years and I would like to make the obvious observation; the CID members provide great comradery, knowledge, skills and great layouts. However, these great attributes are not easily being shared amongst the division. So after obtaining feedback from multiple CID members and nonmembers, I, along with Eric Peterson, will be testing the waters on a new venture, "Track Talk" here in Indiana. Now Eric and I are great at many things (and very bad at others, by the way) but we have had help by attending a great working model, "Train Talk" provided by the Central Indiana Chapter of the Train Collectors Association (TCA). They get together on the first Thursday of the month at various locations in the area having an informal gathering of model railroaders. To enhance comradery they have lunch at a local restaurant, attendees are encouraged to participate in a show-and-tell plus they may have a presentation or even a layout visit. Did I mention that they have on the average 25-35 attendees who have interest and model a wide variety of scales.

The proposal for the CID membership is to start

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monthly "Track Talk" gatherings using this format with some changes: Use locations scattered around the CID to offer an informal event in different areas within the Division. Consider some meetings during week days and some using Saturdays. Maybe the second week of each month we do not have a Modelers Meet. We feel monthly activities can build an attractive pattern. Keep it simple. We need a restaurant willing to serve a group using individual tickets for the meal. If they have a meeting room that would offer more options for a clinic and train talk. A nearby layout to visit is an important attraction. It could also be a prototype train watching location. Hopefully one local person can set this up following the simple pattern.

If you are part of an existing informal interest group, modeler group focused on a particular interest, have a layout you would welcome a visiting group or other attraction please contact me if you are interested in hosting or helping. We are especially interested in additional locations across the division with limited existing activity.

If you have any comments or concerns about the CID, send me an email at danhinel@sbcglobal.net.

So keep it on the rails.

Dan Hinel

Super's RRR

Hello CID Model Railroaders,

Extra! Extra! Extra! Read all about it. I am delighted to inform you that the Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region has won the bid to host a tri-regional convention in May 2022. This will be a four day events starting on Wednesday and running thru Saturday. The three regions, North Central (NCR), Mid Central (MCR), and of course Mid West (MWR) will join forces to provide a great regional convention like no other. Well ok it is hard to try and beat our 2016 Highball to Indy but we can try. Each region will have various responsibilities. Ours is to provide logistic support in the following areas, convention venue Marriot convention center (same as 2016), layout tours, etc.. The other 2 divisions will work on clinics, white elephant sale, plus provide volunteers in various position etc.. Even though we are having a joint venture, we still need your help, your layout, and your clinic expertise. More details will be forth coming but now is the time to start planning.

So what has been happening in the division for the past several months? Hopefully you have referred to the CID website, received an email or noticed activities on our Facebook page. If not here is what you missed, train shows by Naptown & White River club and Columbus Area Railroad Club. How about the national convention for the Steel Mill Modelers SIG here in Indy or the Midwest Rail Fair held in Atlanta, IN. Did you take in a train ride at White River Railroad or visit the Live Steamers in Columbus? Maybe not but I know what you did, sat on your patio with a tall cold one and fantasied about turning your back yard into a G scale empire. You don't need grass and those pesky weeds are really your G scale trees. Anyway, the fall is packed with great things to do and learn. Just to name a few- train shows at, Dubois County Museum Model Train Show, Carmel Library Train Show, Evansville Train Show, our CID's Danville Train Show and Fall Modelers meet here in Indianapolis. How are you doing on your 100 X 100 scale feet display for the Danville Train show?

In my column last issue of the Rusty Spike, I mentioned a new event type called Track Talk. Well I am happy to report Dan Banks from the Anderson area has organized a Track Talk Make and Take event held on November 9, 2019 at the Anderson Library. Briefly attendees will assemble a beginner's level laser cut wood craftsman kit of a scale house. This instructional session only costing a small fee of less than \$6.00, will be a fun and enjoyable experience as you follow as a group each phase of construction. This is a hands on event so bring your tools and enthusiasm. For more information contact Dan Banks at wabashbanks@att.net for further details. As a reminder, if you are a member of a group and want to host an event related to model railroading such as clinic, layout tour etc or just get together and have a meal and swap stories let me know.

OK, I have done a poor job listing all the model railroading events, so why don't you visit our web page or check us out on Facebook.

Lastly, let me discuss a surprising perk for being an NMRA member. I was going to update and purchase new various modeling tools from a well named supplier. As I was checking out there was this box that for coupon codes. Well a little light flickered and I check out the NMRA web site and found a 10% coupon code. This saved me about half of the cost of my annual NMRA membership. Maybe, if I buy more I can get my membership for free? Anyway, If you have any comments or concerns about

Clinic Line-up

October Modelers Meet:

*Tom Fitzsimmons has a clinic on
"Structure Lighting"

Danville Show:

*Phil Burnside will be doing a clinic on "3-D Printing"
*Eric Peterson wil talk about "Lessons Learned Moving My Layout"

TIMESAVER in O Scale

By John Robert Coy (MWR CID)

Long ago and for many years now, I had dreamed about building my very own Timesaver layout. When I finally did, the build took just 11 days which was just in time for a NMRA (Midwest Region: Central Indiana Division—Carmel Clay Public Library) event. The library hosts this event each year in November to celebrate National Model Railroad Month.

I greatly admired John Allen, who was a true pioneer of the hobby. His famous Gorre & Daphetid layout is legendary! He was a true craftsman who very often had to scratch-build items because these things simply did not exist in his day. He built THE original Timesaver layout only to occupy the operators of his regular layout during their down-time on operating session nights. John's Timesaver "game" turned out to be an absolute classic!

I have seen photos of John's original Timesaver where he used four "Y" switches and two left-handed switches. For the longest time, I was confused as to what one of the left-handed switches was for, because it led to no where. I just figured that it must have been the imaginary connection to the rest of the world.



SUMMARY

“MILEPOST 50” Midwest Region Convention held in Indy. The Central Indiana Division is 50 years old!

1st Meeting of the CID July 14, 1963, where Ken Curtiss became our first President—which was changed to Superintendent by Summer of 1964.

James Neil Thompson 1926 – 2013 passes away

JAMES HODSON WILHITE PASSES AWAY. He is the first and only person to hold the position of CID supt. More than once. In fact, he was CID Supt. On three (3) separate occasions!

The quality / quantity / appearance of the Rusty Spike dramatically improved! The Rusty Spike became a Quarterly publication in 2019. GREAT WORK and Thanks to Keith Clark!

2010 Ron Lane Become MMR #447

Steve Studley becomes the 4th CID Member to become MWR President.

Bloomington TV features CID Bloomington Modelers!

CID Board Member: Ivory Lee Johnson Sr. passes away

FIRST MODELERS MEET: OCTOBER 8, 2011

CID TO HOST NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 2016. This is the second national convention in Indianapolis. The first was July of 1963.